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The 2nd Annual Kids Tree Lighting took place Friday night, Dec. 7. Children joyously gathered singing Christmas carols and then became excited at their first sighting of Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Town Hall kids and Idyllwild SAFE Program sponsored the dedication to the children of Idyllwild in memory of Pam Sundling.

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

## Forest Service, CAL FIRE adjust protection areas

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

On Tuesday, Dec. 4, the U.S. Forest Service and CAL FIRE announced that they had adjusted their fire protection responsibilities on the Hill. Separately, CAL FIRE will increase its firefighting resources on the Hill next year.

"This is an annual process where we review responsibilities," said San Bernardino National Forest Fire Chief Shawna Legarza. The federal and state agencies have a cooperative agreement, which specifies how they will work together before, during, and after possible fires throughout the state.

"The realignment of acres allows shorter response runs," said Legarza, who also confirmed that

the Forest Service would continue to staff seven fire stations within the district.

CAL FIRE intends to station two more fire engines on the Hill next year, according to Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins. He confirmed that one engine would be stationed north of Idyllwild, possibly at Station 23, and the other engine near Anza, possibly Station 29.

There are many areas within California, not just near the San Jacinto Ranger District, where the agencies' responsibilities can overlap. This agreement helps ensure efficient and effective fire protection. Each agency, including the Bureau of Land Management, has specific land for which it is the first responder. These are called "Direct Protection Areas."

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## ICRC speakers focus on Africa

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

I had a farm in Africa at the foot of the Ngong Hills," wrote Danish author Karen Blixen in her most famous book "Out of Africa," her account of her love affair with Africa and its people. Blixen lived in Kenya, not far from Nairobi, from 1917 until 1931, running a coffee plantation that her family had funded. "It seems like a dream to be here," she wrote her mother. "Here I am where I ought to be."

Just a year ago, Idyllwild residents Mary Zimmerman and Jeanne Buchanan visited Blixen's home, now a museum, and sat on her front porch. They too felt a deep resonance with the land, its wildlife and culture of its Rift Valley tribesmen, just as Blixen had. Said Buchanan of the



Idyllwild couples on safari in Kenya pose for a photo, from left: Don and Joyce Gilden, Jim and Mary Zimmerman and Jerry and Jeanne Buchanan.

COURTESY OF MARY ZIMMERMAN

two-week safari she and Zimmerman took with their spouses in October 2011, "It's the only place I've ever gone, the longer I've been away from it the more I want to go back."

Zimmerman and Buchanan will discuss what they found so compel-

ling about their time in the area that paleontologists believe is the birthplace of man. "Our first impression of Africa was chaos and diesel fuel," said Zimmerman speaking of Nairobi, Kenya's sprawling capital of three million. But once in the Rift Valley's five national parks and reserves, amidst the game and rural villages, they recalled how Africa began to capture their imagination and affection.

The women saw and will discuss how rural and tribal lifestyles are so different from the cacophony and combustibility of Nairobi, noting that Kenya is a country of contradictions — old See *Speakers*, page 11

## County looks at recreation expansion

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Terri Bowen, senior recreation program manager for county service areas, wears many hats. She oversees recreation programs in seven locations from Blythe to Corona for the Economic Development Agency. And she is currently Acting Recreation Manager for the Idyllwild Recreation Pro-

gram at Town Hall.

"I'm a fixer," Bowen said. "I'm asked to see what can be improved with our programs and see that those improvements occur." Right now Bowen and staff are looking at ways to expand Idyllwild recreation to serve broader community interests and groups. Bowen plans community outreach to ascertain what kinds of programs and directions See *Recreation*, page 9

# NEWS OF RECORD

## Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, Dec. 3 to 9, 2012:

### Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

**Dec. 4** — Smell of smoke, Doubleview Drive, Idyllwild.

**Dec. 5** — Medical aid, Temecula Drive, Idyllwild.

**Dec. 6** — Medical aid, North Circle Drive, Idyllwild.

**Dec. 8** — Walk-in medical aid.

**Dec. 9** — Malfunctioning alarm, N. Circle Drive at Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild.

### Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Nothing to report.

### Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

**Dec. 7** — Highway 74 and Horse Canyon Road, Garner Valley.

### Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Report unavailable.

## CHP log

Log unavailable.

## Sheriff's log

Hemet Station of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department responded to the following calls from Monday to Monday, Dec. 3 to 10. This may not be a complete list of responses:

**Dec. 6** — Felony commercial burglary, 54000 block of Highway 243, Idyllwild. Case is under investigation.



Mercy Air lands on Highway 74 Monday night, Dec. 10, and meets American Medical Response to transport Mark Anderson, 60, of Idyllwild to Riverside Regional Medical Center after he crashed his Harley-Davidson. The highway was closed in both directions for approximately 20 minutes while Anderson was loaded into the helicopter. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

## Special holiday hours for the Idyllwild Post Office

The Idyllwild Post Office retail counter will be open Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, Monday, Dec. 24 and 31, from 9 a.m. to noon. Package pickup will still be available from noon until 5 p.m. at the Dutch door in the main lobby.

The post office will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, 2013.

Regular hours resume on Wednesday, Dec. 26, and Jan. 2, 2013.

For a nearby alternate location, visit: Murrieta Post Office Annex, 38571 Los Alamos, Murrieta, CA 92563.

## Trivia test

**Language:** What is something that can be described as "quadripartite"?

Answer: Divided into four parts

# Village Hardware burgled again

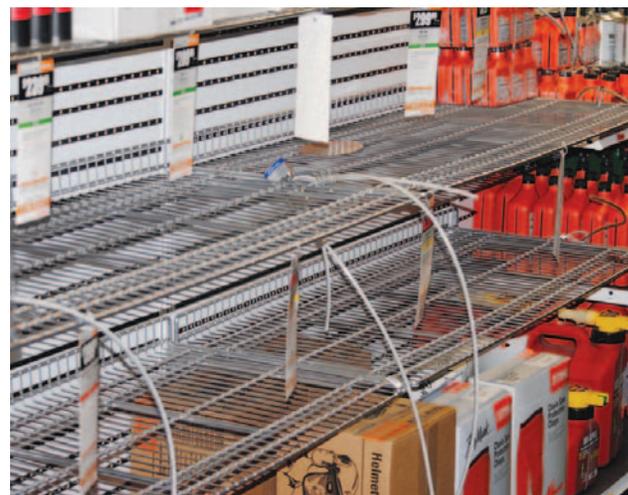
By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Village Hardware was broken into again early Thursday morning, Dec. 6. This is the second burglary at the store in three weeks. The burglars entered around 2 a.m. and took all of the Stihl chain saws, some blowers, trimmers and

another generator, according to manager Larry Donahoo. They apparently brought their own tools to cut locks, chains and cables.

"They had to have had more than one vehicle to move all the stuff they took," he said.

J.P. Crumrine can be reached at [jp@towncrier.com](mailto:jp@towncrier.com).



The bare shelves after all the Stihl chain saws were taken.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

## Holiday Helpers

The Town Crier has been informed of the following opportunities to help children and families on the Hill during the holidays:

- The Red Kettle is a collection site for CHIPS for Kids through Tuesday, Dec. 18.
- New Spirit Vacation Homes and New Spirit Mortgage is sponsoring its first Christmas Toy Drive. You can bring an unwrapped toy to the office at 54325 N. Circle Drive before Saturday, Dec. 22.
- And Analia Lenchantin will be selling her "Cito" at the Post Office this weekend. Part of the proceeds will go to the Idyllwild HELP Center.

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## Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 12/13	Friday 12/14	Saturday 12/15	Sunday 12/16	Monday 12/17
<b>47/27</b> Snow.	<b>46/26</b> Partly sunny.	<b>52/30</b> Slight chance of rain.	<b>57/35</b> Chance of rain.	<b>57/35</b> Chance of rain.

Date	Idyllwild this year				Idyllwild last year			
	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
12-3	60	44			41	22		
12-4	na	na			na	na		
12-5	na	na			na	na		
12-6	72	38			53	20		
12-7	63	33			57	19		
12-8	63	30			56	25		
12-9	64	31			60	27		

	Moisture in inches	Snow in inches
To date this season (Idy):	3.18	To date this season (Idy): 0
To date last season (Idy):	9.00	To date last season (Idy): 5
Total last season (Idy):	20.01	Total last season (Idy): 42.1
To date this season (PC):	6.41	To date this season (PC): 0
Total last season (PC):	22.06	Total last season (PC): 73.25

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

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

*Editor's note: The "To date last season (Idy)" moisture and snow totals were incorrectly printed last week. This week's numbers are correct.*

# OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

## Winter is coming — Part 2 ...

My Nov. 8 column was about preparing for the winter season. There I discussed how to protect yourself when walking on ice or slippery snow.



In this column, I will continue the discussion from the ground up by talking about footwear and socks.

The two things you need to worry about when you are walking around in snowy conditions are keeping your feet warm and dry. A good pair of waterproof boots and warm socks does the trick in most conditions but if you are tramping around in snow you will want insulation as well.

Insulated snow boots may be overkill for some; but if your feet get cold easily they may be the answer.

A snow boot, like a sleeping bag, will have a temperature rating. Anything in the 10-degree Fahrenheit range should do the trick for Idyllwild. All boots designed for snow should be waterproof. You will usually not have treat them to keep moisture out.

When trying on snow boots, be sure you take the socks you will be wearing with them and be prepared to go up in size as the insulation takes up room inside the boot.

You may need a snow boot a half to full size bigger than your normal size. If you plan to be outdoors for long periods of time, then you may want to get a warmer and higher cut boot as well.

Snow boots work great for keeping you warm and dry but they are not usually comfortable for hiking long distances. If you want to hit the trails in winter conditions, you will need a mountaineering style boot.

These are heavy hiking boots that are insulated and crampon compatible. Mountaineering boots should also be waterproof right out of the box. There are many styles available and the best thing to do is to try on several pairs until you find the right one for your feet and that fits your needs.

Finally there are thousands of medium to heavy hiking or work boots on the market. This will be what most people will choose if they don't plan to summit San Jacinto in mid-winter. Look for boots that have Gore-Tex or some

# LOLA'S KITCHEN

By DOLORES SIZER

## Vegan or vegetarian dining ...

I'm perfectly willing to admit I love red meat. A favorite meal of mine is a marinated porterhouse steak, grilled, with mashed potatoes, salad and a hearty red wine.



The women who read this will be appalled, the men will understand.

On many occasions the meal has been shared with Robert Sizer, my stepson. I don't smoke but after the my favorite meal with my stepson, we enjoy a good cigar with cognac, discussing everything from politics to sports.

Now for those who don't eat meat, I don't get it. Just trying to figure out why humans evolved with the teeth we have. It appears to me our teeth are for tearing meat apart.

I tried being a vegetarian and found it boring. To each his own.

But I'm not leaving out the non-meat eaters. Some of you may already be aware of this website, Better Recipes, at <http://healthy.betterrecipes.com>.

Click on "Healthy Vegetarian Recipes." You will find an unbelievable number of delicious-sounding recipes.

I have only tried one recipe but am including two I will try next.

Several of the recipes sounded great; here are some examples: Summer Vege & Hummus Pizza, Spinach, Egg and Hash Brown Skillet (only 5 ingredients in this recipe) and Quinoa Stuffed Avocados.

## Hearty wild rice salad with snap peas and grapes

Makes four servings

- 2 cups wild rice medley
- 1/2 pound sugar snap peas
- 1 pound red seedless grapes
- 3 tbsp white balsamic vinegar
- 6 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1 small shallot, minced
- 1/2 cup parsley (I use Italian)
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 8 oz sheep milk French or Israeli feta cheese (I use regular feta)

Cook the rice according to package directions, less 1/4 cup water. Fluff with fork and spread onto small cookie sheet, refrigerate to cool quickly.

Wash and trim strings from peas, cut in half lengthwise, then place in large bowl. Wash grapes, then halve and place in bowl with peas. Add chilled rice medley, toss to combine.

In a small bowl whisk together vinegar, oil, shallot and garlic, then season to taste with salt and pepper. Pour over salad and toss to combine.

This can be prepared one day ahead, just cover and refrigerate. Just before serving, toss the parsley, onion & feta with rice mixture. Serve cold or at room temperature.

See *Lola*, next page

other brand of waterproof lining. You will probably have to treat the outside to protect the leather on your boot and you will need warmer socks to act as insulation as well.

Long ago, way back in the last century, people actually wore big, itchy rag wool socks. These socks required you to wear a liner sock to protect your feet and legs and to guard against blisters. With moisture-wicking Merino wool socks and synthetics this is no longer needed.

I am a firm believer in Smartwool brand socks and they make many styles and weights for every outdoor pursuit. For winter they have medium, heavy and expedition

weights. You can choose the one that fits your needs and footwear.

Whatever socks you choose make sure they are moisture-wicking; otherwise you can end up with blisters or cold feet.

For years, I wore my tennis shoes year round and my feet froze in the wintertime. Finally, while walking home at night I stepped into an icy puddle and my shoes became soaked. The next day I bought my first pair of snow boots.

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## Obituary Karen Rae Levitt

Karen Rae Levitt, 73, passed away on Dec. 3, 2012, in Stuart, Fla., of congestive heart failure and other complications. She was born on May 27, 1939, in Skokie, Ill., to Harold Jerome "Bing" and Bernice "Bee" Miller.



Karen grew up in Beverly Hills, Calif., where she graduated from Beverly Hills High School in 1957. Karen's first priority was her family's happiness. Her caring heart was always thinking of others' needs before her own. She was a loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to many. Her warm heart, laughter and smile will always be in our memories.

Karen married Dr. David "Dave" H. Levitt on Sept. 4, 1959, in Las Vegas, Nev. They were happily married for 25 years until Dave's early death in 1984. Karen and Dave had four children and raised them in Vista, Calif. Karen helped her husband in their private Veterinarian Hospital, Levitt Animal Hospital, in San Marcos, Calif., until his death. Later, she helped her son Art at his family owned local Village Market in Idyllwild, Calif., for many years, where customers would enjoy a daily chat and laugh with her.

She enjoyed raising livestock (sheep were her favorite) on her family farm which was named after her, "Karen Rae Farms." Raising her family, Karen enjoyed family camping trips (Oy vey, four rambunctious kids), or a quiet drive with Dave. Later in life, she would enjoy a sunny drive by Tamarack Beach in Carlsbad, Calif., to sit and listen to the ocean waves break on the shore with her good friend Donna Zuniga. She also enjoyed playing a game of Skip-Bo with her family and friends. (If you didn't know how to play, she was happy to teach you.) Karen cherished her daily phone calls with her mom, keeping her updated on the entire family and events of the day. Her grandkids were her pride and joy. Each and every grandchild at one point growing up as young adults, lived with her, where she spoiled them immensely. Karen

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## Obituary Rhonda Herger

Rhonda Herger of Idyllwild passed away Friday, Nov. 2, 2012. Born on Oct. 16, 1961, she was 51.

She is survived by a daughter Denise Castillo; two sisters, Trudy Keeney of Loma Rica, Melisa Stewart of Marysville; grandchildren Angie, Alex, Juan; and great-grandson Adrian of Menifee, Calif.

was a lifetime member of the Girls Scouts of America, where she donated countless hours of her time as a leader, as well as being the Registrar and TOC for Vista Nueva, ensuring that the organization thrived for the development of young girls.

Karen is survived by her mother, Bernice Sitkoff "Bee" (96) of Santa Monica, Calif.; sister and brother-in-law Judi and Paul Laska of Marina Del Rey, Calif.; stepbrother and sister-in-law Barry and Terrie Sitkoff of Lake Tahoe, Calif.; stepsister Marilyn Sitkoff and Jack Epstein of San Francisco, Calif.; son and daughter-in-law Hal and Sharon Levitt of Manteca, Calif., son and daughter-in-law Art and Caryn Levitt of Mountain Center, Calif.; daughter and son-in-law Janet and Casey Jaworski of Stuart, Fla.; her grandchildren Aaron, Jenn, Cristy, Robert, Debi, Rob and Anna; and her great-grandchildren Naomi and Caitlyn.

Karen was preceded in death by her father, Harold "Bing" Miller; stepfather Al Sitkoff; her husband Dave Levitt; and her son Bob Levitt.

A private celebration of her life will be held off the shores of Carlsbad, Calif., where she will join her husband Dave and son Bob.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Girls Scouts of America, Imperial County Council, Attn: Karen Rae Levitt Opportunity Fund for Girls in Vista Service Unit #649, 1231 Upas Street, San Diego, CA 92103.

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## Lola

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**Maple-glazed carrots, pearl onions and sweet potatoes**  
Makes four servings

- 1 pound carrots, peeled and thinly sliced
- 8 oz. pearl onions peeled
- 1 pound sweet potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 cup medium-grade maple syrup
- 1/4 cup apple cider
- 4 tbsp butter
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Place vegetables on rimmed baking sheet and roast for 25 minutes. In a large skillet cook maple syrup, cider, butter, and cinnamon for five minutes on medium heat. Add roasted vegetables and toss to coat; season with salt and pepper. This column is for James, my grass-eating friend. Enjoy!

*You can contact Lola at dolores.sizer@gmail.com.*

Her family wishes: "Mom, you will be in our hearts forever. We love you!"

Psalm 34: 17-19 KJV: The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and the Lord delivereth them out of their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the affections of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the *Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar*, see "On the Town," on page 10.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

• 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., Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.

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

• Pine Cove Water District, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.

• La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.

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

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

• Parade honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe, from Harmony, the Tree Monument, to Queen of Angels Catholic Church, N. 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.

• "This is This" conversation 6 p.m., Oma's European Bakery & Restaurant 54241 Ridgeview Dr.

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

## THURSDAY, DEC. 13

• Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty

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

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

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

• Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Sci-

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

## FRIDAY, DEC. 14

• Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at (760) 445-6325 or e-mail jennyleeslater@yahoo.com for information and location.

• Feeding America, 3 p.m., Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center, distribution at the former Morning Sky School, on Hwy. 243.

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

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

## SATURDAY, DEC. 15

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

• IdyllwildGayPotluck, 6 p.m. Email pinkiemeringue@yahoo.com for location.

## SUNDAY, DEC. 16

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

• Occupy Idyllwild stand and discuss with the 99 percent. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town center at "Harmony" monument. Call Sue at (909) 228-6710

• Alcoholics Anonymous 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).

• Spirit Mountain Retreat, Celebrate the 2012 Winter Solstice, 4 to 5 p.m., with Local Color, at the Caine Learning Center 54385 Pine Crest

• Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

## MONDAY, DEC. 17

• IWD Special Meeting of the Personnel Committee, 8:30 a.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

• Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty (619) 895-0934 for location.

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

• Idyllwild Community Meditation, meditation from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive. Instruction and consultation available at 6:30 p.m.. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 659-5750 for information.

• Chamber of Commerce, 6 p.m. Town Hall, Cedar Street

• Mountain Non-fiction Writers Group, 7 p.m., for information and address, call Larry Kueneman (951) 659-2567.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 18

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

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

• International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.

• Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting,

6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097 for information.

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

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

• 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., Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.

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

• La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.

• Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m., Call 659-6049 for location.

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

• 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.

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

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

## 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.



Soroptimist International of Idyllwild held their Christmas Party at the home of **Angela Colson**. Gifts baskets were collected and will be given to the Riverside County Alternatives of Domestic Violence Organization. Those attending are (left to right on the floor) **Marcia Krull, Sandy Froehlich, and Jeri Sue Haney**. In the middle row are **Marge Muir, Phyllis Curington-Brown and Trudy Twardowski**, Standing are (from left) **Mary Morse, Angela Colson, Melody Blaschko, Susan Schumacher, Karen Doshier, Virginia Lamb and Rose Taylor**.

PHOTOS BY SOROPTIMISTER KEITH FROEHLICH



Concert violinist **Heather Netz**, of Idyllwild, entertains the Idyllwild Garden Club at its annual Christmas party. The club also adopted a family through the HELP Center and, through the generosity of the club members, was able to fulfill all of the wishes of this deserving family. The club will meet again after the winter hiatus on the 1st Tuesday in March.

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## INITIAL THOUGHTS

2012 — bigger, better, warmer, drier, more ...



As I look back on 2012, I try to compare it to 2011. Isn't that what the media does, compare the present with the past?

The climate was warmer, the election turnout was bigger, the Olympic runners were faster and the letters to the editor were fewer.

Oh yeah, the last one refers to the number of letters the Town Crier has printed in 2012 compared to 2011. In the twelve months of 2011, we published 210 letters. In 2012, including this issue, we've published 166 letters.

I wondered why there were fewer writers this year. Did the new "letters to the editor" policy (see the bottom right corner of this page) discourage potential writers?

One individual still had 10 letters published. The next most frequent contributor had seven published. I don't have the frequency for the 2011 writers, but I know some readers felt a few contributors appeared too often.

Were there less letters in 2012 because it was a better year, less controversy or brouhahas? Last year, the fire department and recreation programs were frequent topics.

Did the summer Olympics entertain our readers, and keep them inside, but away from the keyboard?

But just a few months ago, we were in the midst of a national election and several statewide propositions and local races. These events didn't seem to inspire many contributors either.

We did have letters about Measure U, the Hemet School District proposal to refinance and reauthorize borrowing. But no one commented on Dr. Raul Ruiz's upset of incumbent Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack.

Has the persistent economic calamity worn us down? Are we so pessimistic that we can't look beyond our living rooms or televisions? Are we overwhelmed with the increase in crime and sitting at home defending our castles?

Do fewer letters mean 2012 was more mellow or people were less introspective? I don't know, but I wonder about these possibilities and project them to the future.

Will 2013 be different from this year? Will there be fewer letters again? Think of a newspaper as a parcel of land, the more structures or the bigger the building the more surface space is used. So more letters allows less room for stories and articles; fewer letters means more work.

I love the letters to the editor. Not because it means less work, but it gives us insight into our community and neighbors. That's one of the benefits of our weekly news meetings. Learning what interests our readers, their feedback and opinions do matter.

Before you pick up your pen and start mailing those letters, there is one type of letter whose value is always questionable. That's the anonymous letter. These are more frequent than you can imagine.

Some people think they can "sic" us on a neighbor or business. They have a disagreement, which may not be resolvable, so they believe a negative or derogatory comment will launch us at their oppressor. I assume they seek personal retribution through the expected public shame which the paper might create through exposing the target's action or practice. But the "victim" gets to remain above the fray, while we appear vindictive.

That doesn't work; we won't publish anonymous letters. Sometimes, we receive a letter that is signed, but the author doesn't want their name used. I'll ask permission to use the name, but if it's denied, that's the same as anonymous.

If they're unwilling to acknowledge their grievance, we're not able to investigate the problem alone.

J.P., EDITOR

## READERS

## WRITE

## State Fire fee

— no

## EDITOR:

Up till the current Town Crier (the Dec. 6 issue), [there's been] not a whisper nor a whimper about the new assessment by CAL FIRE. To those of us who received this double billing at the time of regular tax notices, it was a jolt.

To not have it caused a flurry of verbal activity unheard of. To call it a tax would classify it as taxation and needing a two-thirds vote [of the state legislature] to pass, so it was hidden under the term assessment by Gov. Brown and his Democratic Senate buddies.

[We] have had no information or articles in the Town Crier, so [I] turned to the North County Times' (San Diego), Oct. 28 issue, who reported the new fee can only go to fire prevention programs — not for engines or firefighters.

This assessment was dreamed up by the politicians in Sacramento and Brown to line their pockets as I see it; under title of personal agendas.

The article goes on to say, we will end up paying more money for less services.

Wait till we get a bill for Brown's "Hi-speed railroad" to nowhere, he plans on backing in the farming valley of central California.

ROBERT MILLER  
HEMET

*Editor's Note: Mr. Miller's letter refers to the article in the Dec. 6 Town Crier, which provides information about appealing the fee. The original article appeared in June 2011, when the fee was included in the 2011-12 budget legislation. Between those two issues, the Town Crier has published 16 other articles about the fee — from Gov. Brown's veto, to his signature, the debate over the amount of the fee, the forestry board's failed efforts to lower the fee, to the announcement that the bills were in the mail and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers' Association's litigation filed this fall.*

We encourage all readers

## Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



to subscribe to the Town Crier, that way you won't miss the kind of articles which Mr. Miller wishes he would have read sooner.

## State fire fee

— yes

## EDITOR:

Reflecting on the recent article advising residents how to challenge the Fire Prevention Fee, I would hope that Hill residents would consider that it is CAL FIRE that has the major responsibility in fighting wildfires.

It is to our advantage that adequate resources be available to respond in the event multiple fires during severe fire danger conditions.

I, for one, will not be challenging the fire prevention fee.

RICHARD SCHWARTZ  
PINE COVE

## IFPD's opposition to the state fire fee

## EDITOR:

I must be missing something in the Town Crier article (see the Dec. 6 issue) about the IFPD's opposition to the State Fire Prevention Fee. That opposition apparently revolves around three points:

1. The IFPD is tired of explaining the fee to its complaining constituents;

2. If we are ultimately not required to pay the state fee, we might be more likely to favor an increase in local fees (which I do) in the future; and

3. The need for more clarity regarding "jurisdiction" in light of CAL FIRE's decision to add engines to its Hill coverage.

None of the above seem to be justifiable grounds for

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## How to get a letter published

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## TOWN TALK

BY DOLORES SIZER

*What do you think is the top story of 2012 in Idyllwild?*



**Emily White**  
Innkeeper  
Idyllwild

*"The community building the playground."*



**Jake Sniffer**  
Idyllwild

*"I think it was the election of Mayor Max, of course."*



**Shelly Stewart**  
Work for SCE  
Idyllwild

*"I like the new Idyllwild Library."*



**Richard Montaña**  
Shop owner  
Fern Valley

*"I think it was the continuing crime in Idyllwild!"*

## OFF THE MAIN ROADS

BY HELENE LOHR, RMRU MEMBER

### Gambling with gear ...

It's the night before your big backpacking trip. You've been a good camper and packed all of your 10-plus essentials, checked the seals on your water bladder and made sure you have enough chocolate Goo packets to feed a small nation.

While test-hefting the final weight of your pack, your mind can't help but wrap itself around the memory of those steep switchbacks halfway up the trail. You keep recalling the sweat rolling down your brow and the burning of your quads accompanied by constant mental curses.

Not even 10 seconds later you start pulling things out of your pack to lighten the load. What can go?

What about that medical kit? You haven't used that during the last few trips. Hastily, glancing around the room as if you were on the lookout for the backpacking police, you grab a couple of Band-aids out of the kit, then stuff it quickly back into the gear closet.

We're all guilty of it — gambling on gear. Lightening your load of important gear in order to make it up the trail with less sweat. It's the old trade off of hassle vs. safety.

Here's some tips on how to make a trip safe without literally breaking your back.

Traveling in a group? Split up some of the burden. Everyone should have some of their own key items, but if you will be staying together, it's not necessary that all members of your group come loaded to the gills with gear.

For Search and Rescue, each team typically divvies up our gear. One of us carries the tent, stove and cooking gear, another has the heavy call out rope and technical gear.

*Caveat:* Make sure you still keep enough gear with each backpacker to keep them safe and warm if they do get separated from the group.

Invest in lighter weight solutions, especially on key items. That titanium cookset, lightweight down jacket, and the ultralight sleeping pad may initially cost more

*See [Off road](#), page 15*



## RENATE'S THOUGHTS

BY RENATE CAINE, PH.D.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, NATURAL LEARNING RESEARCH INSTITUTE, IDYLLWILD

### What teachers do ...

Most of the public have no real sense of what teachers do. All too often parents and the public can be overheard saying that teachers have a pretty "cushy" job.

In fact, many people attracted to teaching feel that way as well. After all, a teacher has almost three months off during the year counting breaks and holidays. And while the rest of the world talks about working nine to five, official hours for teachers range from seven to three. They also have health insurance and retirement plans, which their employer provides.

But if you have never taught school you can't even imagine just how tough their job is. The facts speak for themselves. More than 35 percent of new, certified teachers leave the profession in the first three years, and ten percent are gone at the end of the fifth year — nearly half the new teachers leave within five years.

I fall into that category even though I was an award-winning foreign language teacher. I lasted one year teaching in middle school and four years of high school instruction before going on to graduate school.

Teaching is a very difficult job in part because the work is never limited to the classroom. I can recall years of continuous preparation and constant learning. I never had real time off because I was always preparing for teaching, documenting my teaching, or doing administrative work, keeping up with students and documenting student work.

But the most challenging of all are the sheer emotional issues that plague every teacher. Just imagine the range of adolescents that walk into the average classroom desperate to fit in and appear "cool." Now imagine the worlds from which each of those students comes.

Think of the foreign student who has to master both the values and language of their adopted country. This is what happened to me when I arrived in America. I can still recall just what a nightmare that was.

I had lost all my friends and making new ones meant not being "different." So imagine having an accent, doing things that others see as weird or strange, or just not fitting in with how you look or dress at a time when this is so important.

Many Americans think of Hispanics when they think of immigrants, but in fact, California schools are home to kids speaking 181 languages. Each of the language barriers comes with customs that affect learning.

I can date my dislike of math to the fact that in Germany we set up math problems one way and it took me a long time to understand what I was supposed to do in my American math courses. The teachers had no idea

*See [Renate](#), page 22*



## RAMBLINGS FROM ROSCOE

THE FIRE DOG, AS INTERPRETED BY PATRICK REITZ, IDYLLWILD FIRE CHIEF

### Holiday decorations ...

The holiday season is here — again and already! Time to "deck the halls" and gather with friends and family. Time to get into spirit of the season and out into the hustle and bustle with everyone else that is getting into the spirit.

With the holidays comes the seasonal messages of safety that we all should know, but either forgot, or tend to overlook.

### Christmas trees

When selecting a cut tree, check the needles. They should be hard to pull out, green in color and flexible.

When you get it home, make a fresh cut at an angle into the bark down to the wood. Place the tree in water, and keep the water full. When the tree stops absorbing water, it is time to remove the tree to the outdoors.

Some have said that aspirin will help the tree absorb water and stay greener longer. And there is commercial tree preserver additive that claims to do the same.

Live trees (with the root ball) should be kept outdoors and gradually acclimatized to the indoors and vice versa when you are done with them for the season. The indoor season for live trees should be limited to



the holiday season.

Use a good, solid base or tree stand. Consider using wire or fishing line to further stabilize your tree — especially if you have pets and small children.

Always keep trees out of direct sunlight and away from heat sources, including vents and baseboard heaters. This is especially true of wood or gas stoves and fireplaces.

Never decorate a tree with real candles. Always shutoff the lights on the tree if going away or going to bed.

Remember to also keep combustibles, including holiday decorations, presents, wrappings, etc., away from heat sources.

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# Potential firefighting collaboration benefits IFPD

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

At its Nov. 27 meeting, the Idyllwild Fire Commission approved a pilot project to use water tenders from Messina Water Service as resources available nationally for major fires. Last week, Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz and Dan Messina discussed the venture in more detail with the Town Crier.

Idyllwild Fire will place the tenders on a national resource list. If the Forest Service or another fire

agency needed extra tenders to help during a major fire, they could request the IFPD equipment.

Messina Water Service's pilot contract with IFPD specifies the company would be responsible for all operational costs including insurance and training of personnel. IFPD would receive 15 percent of the gross payment to Messina.

"It won't cost [IFPD] anything," Messina emphasized, and Reitz concurred, "It should pay for itself."

If the pilot is successful, Reitz hopes to expand the

contract to include other firefighting resources, such as bulldozers and possibly hand crews. But that decision will be made when the pilot project with Messina is over in about six months, he added.

The equipment could be requested for fires anywhere in the U.S., not just California, Reitz said. The water source will depend upon the fire's location, Messina said.

And it's not just water tenders that Messina owns. The company, which has been in the family for nearly

35 years, also has a communications trailer with satellite access and voice-over Internet capability that is now available to agencies lacking this sophisticated technology.

"It was just completed this year," said Messina.

The idea has been germinating with Messina for a couple of years, he said. He initially discussed it with former fire chiefs Norm Walker and Michael Sherman. Once Reitz arrived and settled, Messina approached him with the idea.

"It's something I've done

in Oregon," Reitz said. The availability of offering resources that might be on the fire line for several weeks could be a valuable recruiting tool, according to Reitz.

"I hope it takes off, we might be able to hire seasonal [firefighters]," Reitz said. Other departments use the additional funding to support their capital in-

vestments or hire additional seasonal staff, Reitz said.

"I'm trying to get relief and breathing room to lessen the burden on the taxpayers," he explained.

"We have great hope that something can be done," Messina added. "I can supply what [IFPD] can't."

J.P. Crumrine can be reached at [jp@towncrier.com](mailto:jp@towncrier.com).

## Ramblings

*Continued from previous page*

### Lighting

Only use UL or other certified testing laboratory certified lighting and electrical products. Be sure that what you are using is rated for what you are using it for — indoor products indoors, outdoor products outdoors, etc.

Remember that you should not link or mix LED and conventional strings of lights by plugging into each other. Avoid overloading adapters, extension cords, circuits, and fuses — follow and never exceed manufacturer recommendations.

Never use a 3-prong to 2-prong adapter, unless it is properly grounded. Inspect cords for excessive wear, cuts, breaks in the insulation, etc. Do not use tape (electrical or otherwise) in place of a proper fix. Repair all electrical products properly.

If you have pets (especially cats) or small children additional precautions may be necessary. Place small or fragile decorations out of reach, and be ever mindful of possible choking hazards. Remember that many holiday

plants are toxic to pets and humans.

Smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers are a must. They also make great gifts.

### Safe driving

This is also the time of year, so it seems, that there are more drivers on the road drinking their "holiday cheer". Be aware of those drivers all around you who may be driving "under the influence" of any type of intoxicant. If you feel you are driving in the midst of someone who may be under the influence, pull out of traffic for a few minutes, and/or follow at a safe distance. Report them to 9-1-1, and provide as much information as possible — type and color of vehicle, description of the driver and occupants, what the driver is doing (swerving, over the lines, etc.), and the direction of travel.

Do not drive yourself if you may be under the influence. Know your limit — not the limit you think you can handle, but the one that matches your body weight, the amount you have consumed, and the time in which you have consumed it.

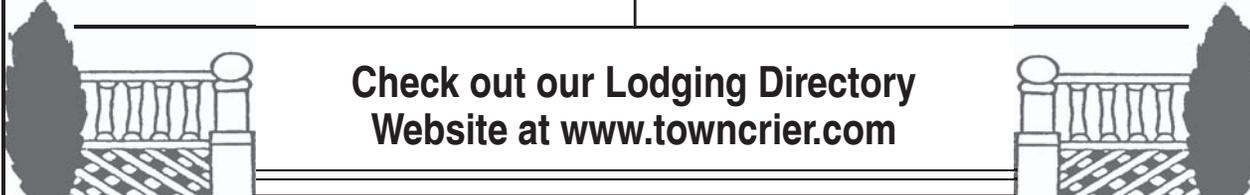
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Idyllwild Arts Academy Conductor **Peter Askim** leads the Orchestra Concert on Saturday and Sunday at IAF Theatre.



The cello section melted their talents together with the rest of the orchestra on Saturday and Sunday. Debussy's *Petite Suite* (Orchestrated by Henri Büsser) and Sibelius' *Pelléas et Mélisande* — *Incidental Music to Maeterlinck's Play, Op.46* were just a portion of what was performed.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER

## Recreation

*Continued from page 1*

Town Hall staff should pursue.

"We're planning to attend community meetings such as Rotary and other town organizations, to speak about who we are, who is here as staff and what we have going on," said Bowen. "We also plan to put fliers out at Idyllwild School, use Facebook and several marquees to announce what we're doing."

But it is community input about what residents want that Bowen and staff are primarily seeking. Bowen referred to a long list of programs available at other county recreation programs that could be imported to Idyllwild.

"I'm more than willing to bring anything that's on the list to Idyllwild," she said. "We just need to know what the com-

munity is interested in." Among offerings at other county locations are senior lunches five days a week, with requested donations from seniors of \$3 and for those under 55 for \$5. Also offered are finance classes and life planning, mini health fairs, bereavement counseling and Leaders in Training youth programs.

"We're also looking for instructors for classes," Bowen said. "Instructors are paid. We'd like to know the kinds of classes community members want to have offered. We're considering sewing, cooking, photography, hiking, biking and other classes for which we'd need instructors."

Bowen said that the county is beginning to make repairs at Town Hall. The initial work is minor, such as installing parking lot lights for a safe egress for staff and customers and some plumbing problems. "A full assessment will be made once the county has



**Terri Bowen**

PHOTO COURTESY OF TERRI BOWEN

the full rights to implement changes," she said.

Bowen is here temporarily until a new recreation manager can be hired. She has been with the county in a number of capacities since 1998, managing a variety of programs including job training, program planning, welfare to work and as assistant museum manager for the Edward Dean Museum and Gardens in Cherry Valley. "I have an extensive back-

ground in event planning," Bowen said. "I would like to see the Idyllwild program stabilize and grow, and bring in new programs and events for all ages."

Working with Bowen are Jackie Franks, pre-K coordinator, locals Jeremy Teegarden, sports coordinator, and Leanne Issac and Wendy Watts, who work in the after school program. Recent Arizona State graduate Michael Rhinehart is a new contract employee who started this month as recreation coordinator.

"He'll be helping me on the administrative side to develop and bring in new programs," said Bowen, who invites locals to come by to meet her and Town Hall staff and to contribute suggestions about how to expand recreation services.

*Marshall Smith can be reached at [marshall@towncrier.com](mailto:marshall@towncrier.com).*

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1st-8th Grade 2:45-5:30 p.m.  
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### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Forest Folk Movie Night**  
"Bringing Up Baby,"  
Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

**Breakfast With Santa**  
**Saturday, Dec. 22, first seating 8:30 a.m.,  
second seating at 9:30 a.m. \$3  
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**January Field Trip**  
Date and location to be announced.

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**TUESDAY:** 10 a.m.-noon Free Senior Wii  
**WEDNESDAY:** 9-10 a.m.  
Adult Yoga with Trine  
**THURSDAY:** There is no CSA 36 meeting this month  
**FRIDAY:** 2:30-4:30 p.m.  
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5-6 p.m.  
Adult Yoga with Trine

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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, Dec. 12**  
**Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.  
**Lawrence Spector**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.  
 "Skyfall," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Thursday, Dec. 13**  
**Forest Folk Movie Night** featuring "Bringing Up Baby," 5:30 p.m. Town Hall.  
 "Skyfall," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
 "The Hobbit," Special Midnight Showing, Rustic Theatre.

**Friday, Dec. 14**  
**Krafty Kids Art Class** with Wendy Watts, 2:30-4:30 p.m.; **Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.  
**Willy B.**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's.  
**Keith McCabe**, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.  
 "The Hobbit," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Change Required**, 8-11 p.m. Jo'An's.

**Saturday, Dec. 15**  
 "Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.  
**Kids Have Lunch with Santa**, 1 p.m. Jo'An's.  
 "The Hobbit," 2 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
**Live entertainment**, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.  
**Hojo Reynolds**, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.  
**Karaoke**, 9 p.m. Lumber Mill.

**Sunday, Dec. 16**  
**David Jerome**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba's.  
 "Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Historical Museum.  
**The Sacred Choir** presents **Holiday Choral Music**, 2 p.m. Queen of Angels.  
 "The Hobbit," 2 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
**Winter Solstice Celebration**

presented by Spirit Mountain Retreat, 4-5 p.m. Caine Learning Center.

**Monday, Dec. 17**  
**Cribbage**, 10 a.m.-noon., Town Hall.  
**Children's Story Time**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.  
**Open Mic Night with Scott Foster**, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's.  
 "The Hobbit," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Tuesday, Dec. 18**  
**Seniors' Wii Activities**, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Town Hall.  
 "The Hobbit," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Wednesday, Dec. 19**  
**Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.  
**Hojo Reynolds**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.  
 "The Hobbit," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Thursday, Dec. 20**  
**Christmas Ale Beer Tasting**, 6:30

p.m. Idyll Awhile.  
 "The Hobbit," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Friday, Dec. 21**  
**Krafty Kids Art Class** with Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; **Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.  
**Willy B.**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's.

**Saturday, Dec. 22**  
**Breakfast with Santa**, First seating 8:30 p.m., Second Seating 9:30 a.m. Town Hall.  
 "Climbing Tahquitz Rock" Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.  
**Live Entertainment**, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.  
**Harry Joe Trio**, 8-11 p.m. Jo'An's.  
**Karaoke**, 9 p.m. Lumber Mill.

**Sunday, Dec. 23**  
**David Jerome**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba's.  
 "Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Historical Museum.



Saturday night at the Caine Learning Center, Isis Theatre Company presented "An Isis Christmas" to a full house. Above from left to right are **Zora Schoner**, **Howard Shangraw**, **Suzanne Avalon** as the Swallow, founder and artistic director of Isis, and **Jeri Greene**, reading "The Happy Prince," Oscar Wilde's fairy tale. Part of the warm evening included the Isisters singing "Here We Come A-Wassailing," a traditional English carol.

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

**Duffy Hudson** performed "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens on Wednesday night, Dec. 5, at the Idyllwild Library.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



**Monday, Dec. 24**  
**Children's Story Time**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.  
**Open Mic Night** with Scott Foster, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's.

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## Speakers

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ways of life being threatened and changed by what might be called progress or could be called a time of loss.

“For instance,” said Zimmerman, “bringing in water and wells to villages is life-changing. A once nomadic people now stay where the water source is. And protecting game, as it now is, has changed the life of men especially.” They wondered if the tribes and villagers were better as a result of encroaching modernization.

The women photographed extensively the game they saw and will share those photos at their Thursday, Dec. 20 presentation as part of the Idyllwild Community



Jeanne Buchanan and Mary Zimmerman

Recreation Council’s popular Speaker Series.

Among the sights they said they’d never forget was the annual great migration of wildebeests and zebras. Called one of the greatest spectacles in the natural world, the Great Migration features over two million herbivores crossing the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem — one-and-a-half million wildebeests leading

about 200,000 zebras and 500,000 Thomson’s gazelles.

Also, and they have a picture of this, they saw a mother giraffe who had just given birth to her baby. They were grazing when photographed and the umbilical cord was still attached between mother

and child. “Our guide, Aaron Shaha of Tropical Woods Adventures, a Masai tribesman with a degree in wild life management, knew where the animals were going to be and what they would be doing,” Zimmerman recalled. “What I came away with was such a great respect for Kenya and how much those who live there love their country.”

“Tales of an African Safari” takes place at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at Creekstone Inn. A wine and cheese reception precedes the event at 5:30 p.m. Both are free to the public.

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



Idyllwild group in vehicles in the wilds following an elephant.

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**Starring:** Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen, Richard Armitage, Andy Serkis, Elijah Wood;  
**Director:** Peter Jackson;  
**Genre:** Action/Adventure;  
**Rated:** PG-13; **Runtime:** 2 hr. 49 min.

**Showtimes:**  
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# Director Stephen Savage premieres 'Vertical' at ICF 2013

Once again, Idyllwild stars

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Idyllwild CinemaFest Director Stephen Savage premieres his latest feature film, "Vertical," as a special festival event on Saturday, Jan. 12, at the fourth year of the festival he founded. "It's the final film in my Idyllwild trilogy," said Savage, whose previous features "Cosmic Radio" (2007) and "Legacy" (2010) were also shot on location here.

Savage is quick to point out that he doesn't change Idyllwild's name when he shoots here. "It's always been Idyllwild," he said noting that other companies that have used Idyllwild as a location, change the name. "I've never done that. I love showing off the town, in my films and with the festival."

"Vertical" is a drama about rock climbing in which family and friends of an experienced female climber cope with her climbing death. Other than for an opening scene shot in Flagstaff, Ariz., "Vertical" was filmed in Idyllwild. It prominently features Tahquitz Rock, one of the world's premier climbing destinations, as well as many Idyllwild businesses and locations.

The storyline follows the death of a climber who lives in a town known for its rock climbing — Idyllwild. Her daughter, in school in Flagstaff, is summoned home after her mother's death. She thinks she will be there to mourn with her mother's rock climbing friends. Instead she learns, through the eyes of her mother's friends, who her mother was and why rock climbing had been her passion.

In a key development, the town sheriff, in investigating the accident, discovers the woman climber had advanced breast cancer. The question arises, did she fall intentionally doing what she loved most, or was it an accident caused by failure of equipment or judgment?

When asked why he chose to make a film about rock climbing, Savage described his encounter with five women rock climbers in Joshua Tree earlier this year. They had climbed around the world, often as a group. Their dedication to the sport intrigued him.

When Irene Bedard, one of the stars of "Cosmic Radio," Savage's first feature as writer and director, told him she was looking for a project, he said, "I've got this story idea, not scripted yet, but interesting."

He finished the screenplay for "Vertical" three weeks before the 11-day shoot in June of this year. Bedard is one of the stars.

Savage's homages to Idyllwild include not only his three features but also the festival itself. He said the town has

given him so much and played a pivotal role in launching his career, that he gives back in ways he can — by promoting it.

He has been a full-time Idyllwild resident since 1995 and locals may remember him years earlier from Café Aroma, where proprietor Frank Ferro made it his mission to introduce his sometimes waiter, who already had a 2003 writing credit on a feature film and several finished screenplays, to any person with potential Hollywood connections.

But a day substituting at the Idyllwild Video store where Savage had previously worked, proved especially fortuitous. Savage recalled a woman came in, looked through the available films, and came to the counter with "Turquoise," a film Savage had co-written. When she learned it was his film, she told him she wanted to see anything he was working on.

The woman, Alisa Schulz, and then-fiancé Patrick Gallagher became important Savage supporters. He noted Gallagher funded "Cosmic Radio" and served as executive producer. Schulz was associate producer.

For "Cosmic Radio," Savage shot the Fourth of July Parade, making Idyllwild and its small-town Americana ambiance a key player in the film. For "Legacy," it was Idyllwild's landscape. Now with "Vertical," it's Tahquitz (Lily) Rock and the village.

For "Vertical," Savage has assembled much of his team from previous projects, but this year he has a new director of photography, Ignatius Fischer, one of the ICF 2013 official featured filmmakers. The trailer for "Vertical" is available online at the festival website, [www.idyllwildcinemafest.com](http://www.idyllwildcinemafest.com). You can catch enough of the storyline and plot twists from viewing the trailer to give

you a sense of the film.

"Vertical" features a score by Sharon Bousquet and original songs by singer-songwriter Courtney Jones. Many of Savage's corps of actors return for "Vertical." In addition to Bedard, Savage veterans Wolfgang Bodison, Marshall Bell, Carson Aune and Chuti Tiu appear.

Savage, who recently opened an editing studio in Beverly Hills, said he has three more feature film projects in the pipeline, all major budget films — "Monkey Jar," "Gods of a Parallel Universe" and "Storm Dancer."

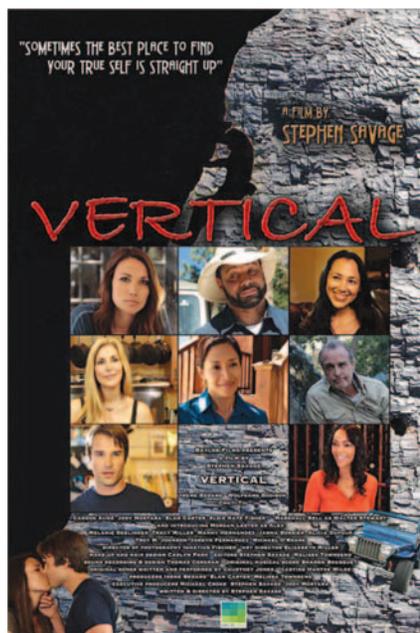
He observed that as his filming schedule has tightened, Festival Chairman Phil Calderone has assumed the day-to-day planning and execution of the festival. "Phil has turned ICF into a truly legitimate festival, worthy of showcasing and giving a voice to independent filmmakers worldwide."

But Savage stressed that without the Rustic Theatre as the festival's host venue, and the key support of owners Shane and Ashley Stewart, there would be no festival. "None of this would be possible without the support and dedication of Shane and Ashley Stewart," said Savage. "He has stuck his neck out and here we are, heading into year four with an expanded festival, and because of Shane's commitment, we also have full digital audio and visual screening capability."

The marketing tag for "Vertical" is, "Sometimes the best place to find your true self is straight up." It is not in festival competition and requires a separate admission ticket.

ICF runs Wednesday, Jan. 9 through Sunday, Jan. 13. See website for more information.

Marshall Smith can be reached at [marshall@towncrier.com](mailto:marshall@towncrier.com)



'Vertical' movie poster

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## SPORTS

### Town Hall Adult Volleyball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teeguarden** reported on Town Hall Adult volleyball for the week of Dec. 3.

Town Hall adult volleyball got started last week with a rematch of last year's championship game between the Idyllwild Garage and Silver Pines Lodge. Idyllwild Garage won the match last year for their second consecutive championship.

This season, Idyllwild Garage came out swinging as **Kyle Owen** had several nice kills and served great. The Garage took the first two games of the best of five match.

Silver Pines didn't falter and bounced back to take the next two games as **Luke Anderson** played above the net.

The fifth and tie-breaking game went back and fourth until Silver Pines finished off the nice comeback win (16-25, 23-25, 28-26, 25-19, 15-13).

On Tuesday, Idyllwild Chevron took on the Idyllwild Inn. Chevron trailed much of the first game but came through in the end to take the first game. Idyllwild Inn played short-handed but played tough as **Josh White** had some nice back row hits. Chevron's **Tyla Friemoth** played great digging and setting up the hitters as Chevron won the match (26-24, 25-22, 23-25, 25-22).

Wednesday's game paired Forest Lumber and The Red Kettle. Forest Lumber played great defense early as they took the first game. **Michelle Brower** played great serving and setting for Forest Lumber. **Ginger Dagnall** played hard for the Red Kettle, getting nice hits and setting for her teammates. Forest Lumber won the match (25-17, 25-5, 25-11).

On Thursday, Idyllwild Chevron met Idyllwild Garage in the border war game. The first game was close all the way as **Brennen Priefer** for Chevron and **Greg Breyer** for the Garage traded nice hits back and fourth. The Garage went on to win the first two games. Chevron won the

third game, but the Garage put the match away in the fourth game as they went on to win the match (25-20, 25-9, 23-25, 25-20).

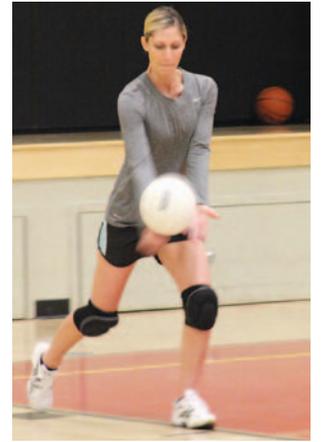
#### Volleyball Standings

Team	Wins	Losses
Forest Lumber	1	0
Silver Pines	1	0
Idyllwild Chevron	1	1
Idyllwild Garage	1	1
Idyllwild Inn	0	1
Red Kettle	0	1

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



Adult Co-Ed Volleyball is now in full swing as opposing teams take to the net. Games will be held at Idyllwild School.



**Michelle Adler**, playing for Forest Lumber, serves the volleyball Wednesday night at Idyllwild School.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER

## IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

### *IWD Mission Statement -*

*To provide reliable water & sewer service in a safe, cost-effective & environmentally sound manner in accordance with the community needs.*



### *Foster Lake level is receding!*

**IWD WATER CONSERVATION STAGE 1 SIGNS** – IWD employees are installing Water Conservation Stage 1 signs around town. This action was approved in response to less than average precipitation. The Foster Lake level is down by two thirds at 6 feet. We need more rainfall and snow to help recharge our groundwater supplies. As a reminder, the Stage 1 is an alert for a possible water shortage and requests that users of the District voluntarily limit the amount of water used to that amount necessary for domestic and business purposes.

**NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM** – After twenty years of service, our phone system has been replaced. We've added some new features which you may notice. As it takes a while to become accustomed to a new phone system operating program, we would appreciate your patience and comments, as we are constantly making minor changes to improve our service to you.

**IWD AND SCE WORKING TOGETHER** – Southern California Edison (SCE) is performing hydraulic testing program on our wells and booster pumps; this provides valuable data so that we can improve efficiency of our water facilities. SCE provides a written report from the test results. Based on these projected power savings, SCE will provide incentive funds towards improving the pump efficiency. This SCE program is free and worthwhile, since it's a win-win situation for them and for us. We improve our pumping operations and save power costs that, in turn, are passed onto our customers. Besides receiving funds from the incentive program, our SCE representative was able to change some of our rate programs so we could take advantage of additional savings.

**OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING IS DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:00 PM**

*MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR*

## Roscoe

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effects of alcohol may be intensified. For most people, if you have had more than two drinks in an hour, you may be under the influence. Use the designated driver system, or better yet, don't drink alcoholic beverages and be the designated driver.

Also be aware of holiday foods that contain alcohol. I once enjoyed rum balls at a Christmas party that was hosted by a chief officer. I did not know what they were (although they were good), and had already consumed two when the CO came over and asked me what I was doing. It was then that I was told what they were, and just how much rum was in them. It would have not been so bad, except that I was on duty — and was supposed to be the driver of the fire truck that was parked outside! Lesson learned.

If you are traveling, remember to buckle-up. Give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination. Avoid confrontations with other drivers, regardless of your "point" — it's not worth it.

Relax, have fun, and enjoy this special time of year! And remember to help make it special for those less fortunate.

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. Please feel free to contact me via the Town Crier or [chief@idyllwildfire.com](mailto:chief@idyllwildfire.com).

I've got some smells to sniff. ...

Remember to play it safe in all that you do!

### Trivia test

**Television:** What is the name of the dog on "Family Guy" animated series?

*Answer: Brian*

# Breanna Lewis: world class dancer and athlete

BY J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Breanna Lewis is both a successful artist and an athlete. The 13-year-old Idyllwild School student has already been to Irish Dancing World Championships in Belfast and the NFL's Punt, Pass and Kick team championship earlier this month in San Diego.

This young lady is very proud of her accomplishments, but as a world-class competitor, she is not satisfied with simply participating; she desires victory.

In between this year's school activities, she is preparing to resume Irish dancing competition and planning for next year's Punt, Pass and Kick competition.

Idyllwild School's physical education teacher Darren McKay organized the PPK competition. Although this is his first year at the school, he has been organized and been involved in the competition since his tenure at Ramona School in the 1990s.

During the first practice he heard the sound of a student kicking the ball, it sounded strong, he turned and saw it was Breanna. "She's a dancer and an athlete. It gives her strong legs," he said.

Breanna is the third or fourth of McKay's students to get to the Team Championships in San Diego. Breanna, who finished third at this level this year, intends to compete next year. McKay thinks she has potential to advance, especially if she improves on the accuracy. "The distance is good, but they're looking for a straight kick or pass and deduct from the distance," he said.

Athletics is not the only



**Breanna Lewis at Qualcomm Stadium after her third place finish in the girls' 11/12 division.**

PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHY LEWIS

activity where she excels and invests her free time. Dancing requires two three-hour classes each week. Fortunately for the girls' parents, Breanna and two other accomplished Idyllwild girls — Riley and Brooke Arnsen — go to the same class; that helps the parents share the drive back and forth to Murrieta.

Breanna also was a member of the Idyllwild School's girls' volleyball team this fall and is a current member of the school's girls' basketball team.

With all of her practices and classes, she often does homework in the car driving to dance class.

But her wide smile and shining eyes project a person quite happy with her success and intent on moving to the next stage in the future. She is already making plans for her high school career and how to accommodate the nonschool extra-curricular activities into her school schedule.

J.P. Crumrine can be reached at [jp@towncrier.com](mailto:jp@towncrier.com).

# Steele and Bradley team play well, but tie for seventh

BY JACK CLARK  
PROFESSIONAL GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele teamed once again with Keegan Bradley last week in an attempt to defend their 2011 title at the Franklin Templeton (Shark) Shootout. Greg Norman hosted the event at the Tiburón Golf Club in Naples, Fla.

Last year the all-rookie Steele-Bradley team won the tournament with the lowest score posted by a winning team in ten years. In 2011, they fired a 32-under-par 184.

This year, the pair played well scoring a 25-under-par 191 over the three-day competition. But that left them in only a tie for seventh place, six shots behind the winning team of Kenny Perry and Sean O'Hair.

A highlight for the native Idyllwilder came Saturday during the better ball competition when Steele sank a 37-foot putt on the 16th green for a birdie two.

He and Bradley each earned \$81,250 in unofficial prize money for their efforts this past week.

The 52-year-old Perry became the oldest player to win the Shootout, and also won for the third time with a different partner. He won with John Huston in 2005 and Scott Hoch in 2008.

Perry joins Steve Elkington, Fred Couples, Brad Faxon and Scott McCarron with three Shootout wins; Elkington and Couples also won with three different partners.

The 2013 PGA Tour season begins less than a month from now.

Steele will be out to earn his card for the 2014 season by finishing in the top 125 of competitors on the official money list of the PGA Tour in 2013. He finished well within that mark during this most-recent 2012 season, although he did not need to do so since his win at the 2011 Valero Texas Open earned him his playing card for both the 2012 and the 2013 seasons.

In January, Steele will play in two tournaments in the Southland — one at La Quinta and one at La Jolla. Idyllwilders are encouraged to turn out in person to support a native son.



*On Tuesday morning the Mountain Quilters had their annual holiday party in the dining hall of Buckhorn Camp. This year, they adopted four families from the HELP Center to buy gifts for. In addition to buying for the children, the quilters are providing gifts for the parent(s) in each family and \$100 in gift certificates to Fairway. They are also giving quilts to each family and fleece hats and socks for each person. Karen Patterson attended to accept the gifts on behalf of the HELP Center.*

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*The U.S. skeleton team raced in the Whistler North American Cup races from Dec. 7 to 9. Idyllwild's Lauren Salter (middle of first row) finished fifth, one of six U.S. racers in the top twelve. She will be in Idyllwild over the holidays and trying raise funds to allow her to compete in Europe in her quest for Olympic status.*

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## Letters

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opposition to a fee which might result in greater fire protection for our community.

Moreover, with all the publicity over the last year regarding the state fee, and all the material accompanying the bill received in the mail, maybe the last folks IFPD should be trying to please are the ones who still think the fee goes to our fire department.

The complainers were probably not here in 1996 when the entire community was evacuated for the Bee Canyon Fire. When we returned in early July, there was a parade of the engines and crews that helped save our town.

The vast majority of these resources came from somewhere else. Did our annual fee to the local fire district pay for all this? Everyone should know the answer to that one.

Next time we see smoke to the west (or any other direction), I doubt that among anyone's first thoughts will be, "Gee, I'm glad I refused to pay that \$115."

More likely we will be thinking, "Are the helicop-

<b>DRAFT</b>	
Idyllwild Fire Protection District 54160 Maranatha Drive POB 656 Idyllwild, CA 92549-0656	
<b>RESOLUTION 012-06</b> <b>State Responsibility Areas (SRA) Fire Prevention Fee</b>	
<b>WHEREAS</b> , the Legislature adopted ABX 1 29 in the final days of the Budget Act of 2011, without the benefit of legislative hearings or public comment; and	
<b>WHEREAS</b> , the Legislation established statutes that directed the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to adopt emergency regulations implementing a Fire Prevention Fee on structures within State Responsibility Areas (SRA); and	
<b>WHEREAS</b> , the SRA Fee will be imposed on habitable structures within the SRA regardless if it falls within the boundaries of a recognized Fire Protection District; and	
<b>WHEREAS</b> , the funds collected will not directly benefit the constituents and will challenge local measures for fire protection, prevention and emergency medical services; and	
<b>WHEREAS</b> , the efforts of Local Governments to repeal the implementation of the SRA Fire Prevention Fee have been ignored.	
<b>NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ORDERED AND DECLARED:</b> That the Board of Commissioners of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District that ABX 1 29 and its statutes are ill-conceived, based on misinformation and will negatively impact the long-standing strategy for protecting California's wildlands.	
Dated: November 27, 2012	Effective: November 27, 2012
_____ Jeannine Charles-Stigall      President	_____ Charles Schelly      Vice President
_____ Jerry Buchanan      Secretary	_____ Larry Donahoo      Commissioner
_____ Pete Capparelli      Commissioner	
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted and in Witness hereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District	
_____ Patrick Reitz, Fire Chief	

ters in the air? Are the air tankers ordered? Will the state and federal governments devote sufficient resources to stop this fire? Who should help pay for all that if not those most directly threatened?

The Hill communities should be the very last communities to object to paying more for fire protec-

tion.

Moreover, our local fire department should be the last Hill entity to lead that opposition, particularly with no greater justification than that set forth in the Town Crier.

Perhaps greater clarity could be achieved with the publication of the IFPD's resolution and "a stern

cover letter to local state elected officials."

Those of us who support higher fire protection fees might then be more able to understand the district's odd, and potentially harmful, position.

J. KENT STEELE  
IDYLLWILD

## Relative tax values

EDITOR:

We hear it everyday. Taxes are too high in California. I believe it, too.

But there is a bright red state that taxes real estate much higher than California's Proposition 13. Good ole South Carolina's higher property tax rates actually play a huge role in lowering their cost of living, because South Carolina taxes non-owner-occupied single family homes triple what they tax an owner-occupied home.

This alone eliminates a slew of would-be investors, thus suppressing real estate values. Lower real estate values means lower mortgage payments, and subsequently lower housing costs since rents usually mirror monthly mortgage payments. South Carolina's higher property taxes lowered the state's cost of

living and made it more attractive for multi-nationals like Boeing, BMW and Michelin to be in South Carolina.

When I was back there in 2007 through 2009 part-time, bargain-hunter me, bought three houses — a 2,400-square-foot brick house on an acre of native hardwoods with a full basement for \$40 a square foot, a 1,400-square-foot ranch fixer on 0.7 acres for \$26 a foot in Richland County that needed new rear siding, and a 1,600-square-foot hodge-podge trashy mess on a country 0.25 ac. flag lot for about \$2.50 a foot that didn't have an easement for the flagpole-shaped driveway to it.

All three were arbitrarily assessed a much higher tax basis value that had nothing to do with what I paid for them. And since two of them were non-owner occupied, they were triple-taxed.

For me that meant four months rental income to pay the property taxes. I

soon learned why there were so few buyers for those bargain priced houses.

Here in Southern California, a home's sales price is usually the tax basis assessed value per Proposition 13. We are taxed at one percent for investors or owner-occupants alike, which attracts more buyers.

More buyers means higher values meaning lower tax rates are needed to generate the same revenue.

Housing costs in California have skyrocketed since 1978 when Proposition 13 went into effect and are up nearly 10 percent in the last year statewide.

But for Boeing, BMW and Michelin, higher housing taxes in a red state meant lower wages were needed for their workforce due to lower cost of living ironically due to higher property taxes.

Apparently Republicans do like higher taxes. Just not on Boeing, BMW and Michelin. And so it goes.

MIKE RENO  
PINE COVE

## Off road

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than their heavier counterparts, but you'll be more likely to bring them than the bulkier version. The weight they free up in your pack can be used for other critical gear such as your first aid kit.

Knowledge weighs nothing. Depending on what you want to do and where you want to go, it's a very good bet to stock up on related training. Your best gear in the backcountry are your skills.

- Wilderness first-aid courses teach you the basics of how bodies work and break. You'll learn when you need to evacuate ASAP and when you can still stay and play. You'll learn how to improvise with your gear and backcountry materials. You get lots of critical hands-on experience to help you stay calm when things hit the fan. For an excellent local resource, look into the Wilderness Outings course taught in Idyllwild.

- Backpacking skills courses. You can take anything from a basic day clinic such as those offered by REI to a multi-day backpacking and snow travel course like National Outdoor Leadership School's (NOLS) or the Sierra Club's Wilderness Travel Course and beyond. Whatever you want

to do, the training is out there to help you do it safely.

Improvise wisely. Think critically about what you can and can't "MacGyver" in the backcountry.

Try to stop severe bleeding with pressure from your dirty clothes (that you need for warmth) while shivering in a snowstorm? All of the sudden you might be pining for that pile of sterile compresses nestled back home in your gear closet.

Bottom line: think it through before you discard a piece of gear from your pack.

Bring multipurpose items. Multipurpose gear means more functionality for less weight. I like to keep a stock of multipurpose gear such as bungees, plastic bags and duct tape, just to name a few.

For example, two durable contractor garbage bags can form a pack liner in the rain, an improvised rain jacket or even be joined end to end around my sleeping bag as a makeshift waterproof bivy for weather emergencies.

Still feel like grumbling about the time and expense of investing in good gear and training for the off chance of an emergency?

Just remember, it is a gamble every time you go out unprepared. Sooner or later, if you spend enough time in the Wilderness, something happens to everyone. The only question will be if you win or lose your bet.



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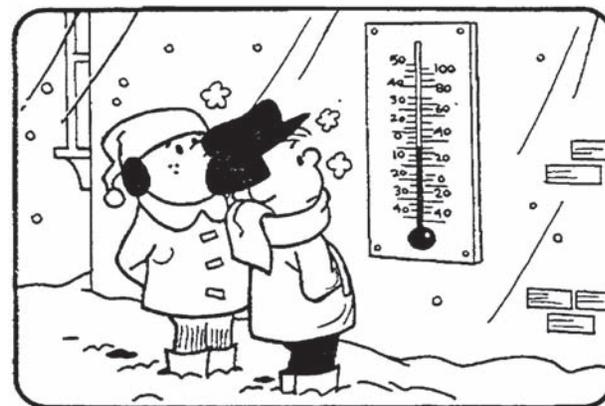
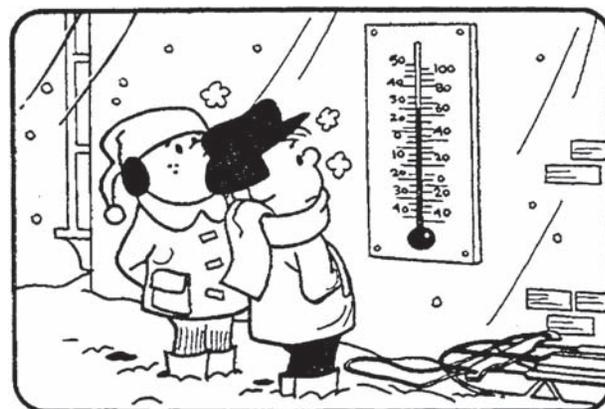
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RIC1215945  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main St., Riverside, CA 92502-0431.

PETITION OF BRANDI AND NICHOLAS SELKIRK FOR CHANGE OF NAME.  
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
 1. Petitioner: BRANDI AND NICHOLAS SELKIRK filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:  
 a. Present name: DILYN REINHART changed to Proposed name: DILYN SELKIRK.  
 b. Present name: DESTINEE HELSOR changed to Proposed name: DESTINEE SELKIRK.

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
 a. Date: 12-20-12 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 04.  
 b. The address of the court is same as

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

Date: OCT. 25, 2012  
 MAC R. FISHER  
 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
**Pub. TC: Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 2012.**

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as POWER BOUND ELECTRICAL INC., 55080 South Circle Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 3439, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Power Bound Electrical, Inc. 55080 South Circle Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549-3439.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 1/1/2001.

Signed:  
 Victoria M. Duron  
 Vice President  
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 19, 2012.

FILE NO: R-2012-12505  
**NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON NOV. 19, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO NOV. 19, 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: C. Berg, Deputy  
**Pub. TC: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2012.**

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that a public lien sale of the following described personal property will be held at the hour of 1 p.m. Dec. 20, 2012, at Perris Mini Storage, 369 East Third Street in the City of Perris, County of Riverside, State of California. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: household items, misc. furniture, misc. tools and equipment.

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

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

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

Name: GODFREY ROSIE  
 Name: NEAL LA CRISIS  
 Name: RICHMOND RONALD  
 Name: DALTON ALBERT  
 Name: JOSEPH STACY  
 Name: REYES HECTOR  
 Name: PERRIS VALLEY CLINIC

Pursuant to section 3071 of the vehicle code, the following vehicle will be sold at public auction for the purpose of unpaid storage: 1988 JAGUAR BLACK VIN.#: SAJKV1648JC545147, Registered owner: ROSY GODFREY.

Auction to be held on Dec. 20, 2012, At 1 p.m.

Perris Mini Storage  
 Rolando Corral - Manager  
 American Auction Service  
 Bond # FS8632014

**Pub. TC: Dec. 6, 13, 2012.**

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALES

Trustee Sale No. 12-00460-2 Loan No: 1060050818-18 APN 561-050-007-2, 561-050-016-0, 561-050-017-1

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 20, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On December 27, 2012, at 09:00 AM, at the front steps to the entrance of the former Corona Police Department, at 849 W. Sixth Street, Corona, CA, FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on May 31, 2005, as Instrument No. 2005-0432861 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Riverside County, CA, executed by: QUIET CREEK INN & VACATION RENTALS, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, as Trustor, in favor of BANK OF THE WEST, as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO EXHIBIT "A" Parcel 1: That portion of the North Half of Section 13, Township 5 South, Range 2 East, San Bernardino Meridian, in the County of Riverside, State of California, according to the Official Plat thereof, described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Northwest Quarter of Section 13; thence South 89°28' West on the South line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 665.47 feet; thence North 00°14' East, a distance of 26.56 feet to the most Southerly corner of Parcel 2, as shown on Record of Survey, Book 11, Page 39, Records of Recorder's Office of Riverside County, California; thence North 58°30'30" East along the Southerly boundary of said Parcel 2, a distance of 105.76 feet; thence North 78°16' East,

See Public Notices, next page

# HOROSCOPE

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) An old adversary wants to make amends over the holidays. The decision is yours. But wouldn't it be nice to share the upcoming new year with another friend?

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) As news of your work gets around, expect to receive a special holiday "gift" from influential contacts who could help you launch your new projects in the new year.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Instead of fussing over what you didn't do to prepare for the holidays, relax and enjoy the kudos for a job truly well done. A happy surprise awaits you early next year.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The best way to shake off lingering holiday blues is to join loved ones in the fun and festivities of this special time. A confusing situation starts to make sense in upcoming weeks.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Special emotional rewards mark this holiday time for Leos and Leonas who are able to open up to new relationships and the possibilities they offer in the upcoming year.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your efforts to make the holidays especially memorable for some people will be rewarded in some unexpected (but very welcome) ways in the upcoming year.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Be assured that

your efforts to make this holiday special for everyone won't go unnoticed by those who could make some important changes in your life.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Lots of folks want you to light up their holiday parties. But try to take some quiet time 'twix those glittering galas to spend with some very special people.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) While the current round of holiday revels has your social life on the fast track, someone special might want to keep pace with you next year, as well.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Enjoy all the fun you deserve at this holiday time. However, don't lose sight of the need to check out some of the changes the new year is expected to bring.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) What happens during this holiday time can help clear up some of the confusion jeopardizing a once-stable relationship. Follow your instincts on what to do next.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your holidays are brightened by new friends eager to become part of your life. But don't forget to spend time with that one special person. (You know who!).

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have the ability to encourage people to reach their potential by setting an example with your own efforts.

# CROSSWORD

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### ACROSS

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- 8 Cinderella's horses, really
- 12 Apiary structure
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- 15 Iowa city
- 16 Slapstick missile
- 18 Joan of Arc, for instance
- 20 Slanders in print
- 21 Cambodia neighbor
- 23 "Le Coq..."
- 24 "Old soldiers..."
- 28 Use a strainer
- 31 Opposite of

### DOWN

- 1 Fraud
- 2 Peru's capital
- 3 Finished
- 4 Mortar's partner
- 5 Teeny-tiny photo reproduction
- 6 Bobby of hockey lore
- 7 Rind
- 8 Ballroom dances
- 9 Royal
- 10 Spring shape
- 11 - out (supplements)
- 17 Help
- 19 Three feet
- 22 Muscle connector

### 24-Down

- 24 "No man is an island" poet
- 34 Lincoln, to pals
- 35 Safecracker
- 37 Be dishonest
- 39 Historic time
- 41 Thin streak of smoke
- 42 Thespians
- 45 Concealed
- 49 Formal attire
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- 55 Basin accessory
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- 57 Grandson of Eve

# Artist and inventor repays HELP Center

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Idyllwild's Analia Lenchantin is well known as pianist and artist. Now she is also an inventor.

A resident of a Pine Cove

mansion for years, she has considerable experience trying to ignite a fire in large — 4-foot fireplaces. Now she has the "Cito," meaning "heart," to help you get those stubborn fires burning — a long metal tube

to blow into and direct the air to the ebbing fire, which will aid in ignition.

She developed the technique years ago when she and a girlfriend were stranded in a snowstorm. They desperately started a fire to

keep warm and dry.

Now she has the "Cito" and will be selling them at the post office Friday and Saturday. A dollar from each sale will go to the Idyllwild HELP Center.

The HELP Center is spe-

cial for Lenchantin because she had to avail herself of its services for several years.

"I'm so thankful. They helped me, even with food for my dog. And the whole town," she said gratefully.



Analia Lenchantin displays her "cito."

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

## Public notices

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a distance of 96.02 feet; thence North 65°58' East, a distance of 30.75 feet to the most Easterly corner of said Parcel 2, being the True Point of Beginning of this description; thence North 27°45'30" West on the Easterly boundary of said Parcel 2, a distance of 269.58 feet to its intersection with the Southerly line of a 40.00 foot road, as shown on Record of Survey, Book 11, Page 55, Records of the Recorder's Office of Riverside County, California; thence North 89°05' East on the Southerly line of said road, a distance of 239.46 feet; thence North 71°49' East on the Southerly line of said road, a distance of 196.19 feet to the beginning of a curve; thence on the arc of a curve, concave to the Southwest, having a radius of 80.00 feet and a central angle of 80°45' a distance of 112.75 feet to the end of said curve; thence continuing on the boundary of said road, South 27°26' East, a distance of 180.81 feet; thence South 66°14' West, a distance of 237.00 feet; thence South 88°12' West, a distance of 262.75 feet to the True Point of Beginning. Except that portion conveyed to the County of Riverside by Deed Recorded August 24, 1954, as Instrument No. 43254, Official Records. Said land is included within the area shown on a Map filed in Book 11, Page 55, of Records of Survey, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. Parcel 2: That portion of Section 13, Township 5 South, Range 2 East, San Bernardino Meridian, in the County of Riverside, State of California, according to the Official Plat thereof, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Southwest line of a road, 40.00 feet wide, which point bears North 54°20'00" East, 130.58 feet from the center quarter corner of said Section 13, as shown on Map filed in Book 11, Page 55, of Record of Surveys, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County; thence North 33°40'00" West, 66.79 feet on said Southwesterly line to an angle point therein; thence North 27°26'00" West, 29.40 feet on said Southwesterly line to the most Northerly corner of the land described in Deed to Daniel Jensen Engholm, et ux, recorded March 27, 1945 as Instrument No. 2872, Official Records, and the True Point of Beginning; thence on the Northerly line of last said land, the following courses: South 57°48'00" West, 211.00 feet; South 57°02'00" West, 94.00 feet; North 87°07'00" West, 151.00 feet; South 76°45'00" West, 189.00 feet; South 52°29'00" West, 251.00 feet to the most Westerly corner of last said land; thence Southwesterly to an angle point in the Northerly line of Idyllbrook Meadows Tract No. 2, as shown on a Map filed in Book 21, Page 89 of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, said angle point being the Easterly terminus of that portion of said Northerly line shown on said Map as bearing South 80°53'30" East, 123.28 feet; thence North 80°53'30" West, 123.28 feet on said Northerly line to an angle point therein; thence South 79°47'00" West, 269.29 feet on said Northerly line to the Northeast corner of Lot 72 as shown on last said Map; thence leaving said Northerly line, Northwesterly to the most Southerly corner of the land described in Deed to Mother Trust Superet Light Science Foundation recorded July 22, 1960 as Instrument No. 64888, Official Records; thence on the Southeast line of last said land the following courses: North 74°58'30" East, 205.04 feet; North 73°29'00" East, 126.34 feet; 60°56'00" East, 127.90 feet; North 43°24'30" East, 156.50 feet; North 58°30'30" East, 122.76 feet; North 78°16'00" East, 96.02 feet; North 65°58'00" East, 30.56 feet to the most Easterly corner of last said land, also being an angle point in the Southerly line of the land described by Deed to Fred Antemuth, et ux, recorded May 8, 1942 as Instrument No. 1180, Official Records; thence North 88°12'00" East, 262.75 feet on said Southerly line to an angle point therein; thence North 66°14'00" East, 237.00 feet on said Southerly line to the Southwest line of said 40.00 foot wide road; thence South 27°26'00" East, on said Southwest line to the True Point of Beginning. Except that portion described by Deed to the County of Riverside, recorded September 22, 1954 as Instrument No. 48954, Official Records. APN: 561-050-007-2, 561-050-016-0, 561-050-017-1 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being

auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-573-1965 or visit this Internet Web site [www.priorityposting.com](http://www.priorityposting.com), using the file number assigned to this case 12-00460-2. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Beneficiary has elected and hereby elects to conduct a unified foreclosure sale pursuant to the provisions of California Commercial Code Section 9604(a)(1)(B) and to include in the nonjudicial foreclosure of the estate described in this Notice of Trustee's Sale all of the personal property and fixtures described in the Deed of Trust and in any other instruments in favor of Beneficiary, which property is more particularly described in Exhibit "B" hereto. EXHIBIT "B" TRUSTEE SALE NO. 12-00460-2 PERSONAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: 26345 DELANO DRIVE, IDYLLWILD, CA Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the same meaning as those in the Note, Secured Obligations; that certain Commercial Security Agreement dated as of January 16, 2007, that certain UCC Financing Statement filed 12/1/2008 under file No. 0871798952 and any continuations thereto; the Deed of Trust and/or any other loan documents, and that ALL CHATTEL PAPER, EQUIPMENT, GENERAL INTANGIBLES AND FIXTURES; WHETHER ANY OF THE FOREGOING IS OWNED NOW OR ACQUIRED LATER; ALL ACCESSIONS, ADDITIONS, REPLACEMENTS, AND SUBSTITUTIONS RELATING TO ANY OF THE FOREGOING; ALL RECORDS OF ANY KIND RELATING TO ANY OF THE FOREGOING; ALL PROCEEDS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING (INCLUDING INSURANCE, GENERAL INTANGIBLES AND ACCOUNTS PROCEEDS) (A) All accessions, attachments, accessories, tools, parts, supplies, replacements of and additions to any of the collateral described herein, whether added now or later. (B) All products and produce of any of the property described in this Exhibit B. (C) All accounts, general intangibles, instruments, rents, monies, payments, and all other rights, arising out of a sale, lease, consignment or other disposition of any of the property described in this Exhibit B. (D) All proceeds (including insurance proceeds) from the sale, destruction, loss, or other disposition of any of the property described in this Exhibit B, and sums due from a third party who has damaged or destroyed the Collateral or from that party's insurer, whether due to judgment, settlement or other process. (E) All records and data relating to any of the property described in this Exhibit B, whether in the form of a writing, photograph, microfilm, microfiche, or electronic media, together with all of Grantor's right, title, and interest in and to all computer software required to utilize, create, maintain, and process any such records or data on electronic media. Beneficiary reserves the right to revoke its election as to some or all of said personal property and/or fixtures, or to add additional personal property and/or fixtures to the election herein expressed, at Beneficiary's sole election, from time to time and at any time until the consummation of the trustee's sale to be conducted pursuant to the Deed of Trust and this Notice of Trustee's Sale. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 26345 DELANO DRIVE, IDYLLWILD, CA The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incor-

rectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust (together with any modifications thereto). The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$1,242,647.53 (Estimated), provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. DATE: November 28, 2012 FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, TRUSTEE 12-00460-2 11000 Olson Drive Ste 101 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670916-636-0114 Rachel Cissney, Authorized Signature SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT [www.priorityposting.com](http://www.priorityposting.com) AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-573-1965 P1006125 1 2 / 6 , 1 2 / 1 3 , 1 2 / 2 0 / 2 0 1 2  
Pub. TC: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2012.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
The following person is doing business as VILLAGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, 160 N. Luring Drive, Ste. 1, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Mailing address: P.O. Box 4626, Palm Springs, CA 92263. VPM RENTS, INC., 160 N. Luring Drive, Ste. 1, Palm Springs, CA 92262, a California corporation.  
This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:  
MICHAEL HEATH  
President  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 27, 2012.

FILE NO.: I-2012-03051  
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON NOV. 27, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO NOV. 27, 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: J. Buenrostro, Deputy  
Pub. TC: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2012.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
The following person is doing business as CARPENTER CHRIS, 63340 Palm Canyon Dr., Mountain Center, CA 92561, Riverside County. CHRISTOPHER BRYAN ACALINAS, 63340 Palm Canyon Dr., Mountain Center, CA 92561.  
This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.  
Signed:  
CHRISTOPHER ACALINAS  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 21, 2012.  
FILE NO.: R-2012-12609  
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME

STATEMENT EXPIRES ON NOV. 21, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO NOV. 21, 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: T. Vargas, Deputy  
Pub. TC: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2012.

**HEC 1203808**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 880 NORTH STATE STREET, HEMET, CA 92543.  
PETITION OF DIANE O'NEIL FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**  
1. Petitioner: DIANE O'NEIL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:  
a. Present name: ALEXANDRA LOWE PFEFFER changed to Proposed name: ALEXANDRA LOWE O'NEIL.  
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: 1/14/13 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. H1.  
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.  
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Idyllwild Town Crier.  
Date: DEC. 4, 2012  
KATHLEEN JACOBS  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
Pub. TC: Dec. 13, 20, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 2013.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public auction pursuant to Section 1988 of the Civil Code of the State of California; the following personal property to-wit identified by the tenant name and storage unit number/description:  
ALBERT MORTVEDT  
P.O. BOX 63  
IDYLLWILD CA 92549  
1962 MAYFLOWER  
DECAL # LBF2509  
SERIAL # S1561  
LABEL # MH235058  
This sale will be by competitive bidding on the 21st day of DECEMBER 2012, at 10:00 a.m. on the premises where said property is stored and which is located at, 26350 DELANO DR #71, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.  
Purchases must be made with cash and paid for at the time of purchase. This sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between landlord and obligated party.  
Pub. TC: Dec. 13, 20, 2012.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
The following person is doing business as JOEY LATIMER ENTERPRISES, 52655 Avenida Herrera, La Quinta, CA 92253, Riverside County JOSEPH WARREN LATIMER, 52655 Avenida Herrera, La Quinta, CA 92253.  
This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above Oct. 12, 2007.

Signed:  
JOSEPH WARREN LATIMER  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 29, 2012.

FILE NO.: R-2012-12802  
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON NOV. 29, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO NOV. 29, 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).

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LARRY W. WARD,  
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By: N. Medina, Deputy  
Pub. TC: Dec. 13, 20, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 2013.

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Signed:  
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Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 3, 2012.

FILE NO.: R-2012-12906  
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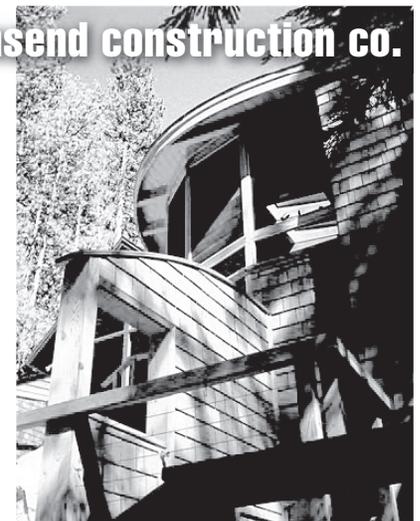
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**Other states have firewood laws targeting invasive species**

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

A number of states have laws that, to varying degrees, restrict importation and transportation of firewood aimed at stopping spread of invasive species, often insects or other pests. Firewood has been shown to be an agent for transporting invasive species. Many of the states with firewood laws are in the East and Midwest, part of Emerald ash borer federally quarantined areas.

California has an existing quarantine of a fungus pathogen that causes sudden oak death, prohibiting firewood transportation out of infected areas, but the law is specific to that pathogen and condition.

Oregon and New York have recently adopted broad firewood laws and have committed resources aimed at protecting their forests from damage from invasive species.

The New York law originated within its Department of Environmental Conservation rather than Department of Agriculture. This regulation (192.5) prohibits: "importation and purchase of untreated firewood from outside the state. Treated firewood is defined as heated to a minimum core temperature of 71 degrees centigrade for a minimum of 75 minutes employing kiln-drying or other treatments to effectively kill embedded species; purchase or possession of

untreated firewood without a certification of source; purchase or possession of untreated firewood grown in New York State more than 50 miles from the source; retail sale of untreated firewood without state certified labeling documenting firewood health; and retail sale of untreated firewood without records identifying the name and address of person(s) from whom the firewood was obtained and the date of purchase. Records must be retained for two years and available for law enforcement inspection."

Treated firewood must be labeled "New York-Approved Treated Firewood/Pest Free"; and, where there is reason to believe that untreated firewood is moving within the state, "Any law enforcement officer may order that such untreated firewood by returned to its source, or confiscated or destroyed, at the expense of the violator."

The Oregon law, an emergency declaration enacted in 2011 that takes effect on Jan. 1, 2013, is similar to New York's. It requires anyone who sells or transports firewood within the state to have records showing source, treatment and disposition (place of sale). Oregon officials may inspect inventory and facilities of any firewood sellers or shippers. The law prohibits importation of wood from outside Oregon, Washington or Idaho unless the importer can provide

documentation that the firewood has been treated and is "pest free" as defined in the ordinance. Civil fines of up to \$10,000 are authorized.

Other states with specific firewood laws aimed at stopping invasive species are: Florida, Missouri, Maine, Nebraska, New Hampshire, and North Carolina,

To impose a federal quarantine requires that the invasive pest be foreign in origin, as are the Emerald ash borer and the Asian long-horned beetle, both native to Asia. Since the Goldspotted oak borer is considered native to the U.S., a federal quarantine cannot be established.

On Jan. 22, 2009, the USDA APHIS Plant Protection Quarantine New Pest Advisory Group concluded that GSOB was native to Arizona, and long-established in California. They recently affirmed their adoption of a "non-reportable/non-actionable policy" for detections of GSOB in California.

At a March 2011 multi-agency meeting convened to address Goldspotted oak borer, San Bernardino County Agricultural Commissioner John Gardner stated the generally accepted conditions for quarantine laid down by USDA. If a pest, in this case Goldspotted oak borer, is neither a danger to agriculture nor foreign in origin, it is not a quarantine candidate.

Even without federal quarantine, states, such as the eight mentioned, can en-

act quarantines and firewood transportation laws when there are perceived threats from identified invasive species to the state's economy and well-being of its citizens. Often, those quarantines and laws originate with a state's agricultural department or bureau, pushed along by a threatened lobby or interest group. The problem with stricter regulation of firewood is that existing state forests, according to an entomologist with San Diego County's Agricultural Weights and Measures office who spoke on background, are not viewed as agricultural crops, are seen as having no market value, and do not have strong lobbies or interest groups to agitate for protective action.

According to the Center for Invasive Species Research, every 60 days California gains a new and potentially damaging invasive species that threatens agriculture. "If detection does not come early enough, eradication is virtually impossible," said Dr. Tracy Ellis, entomologist and agricultural scientist. "Management is the only option and that requires resources."

So even if firewood laws aimed at protecting forests from invasive species were enacted, the resources may not be there for enforcement, given the competition for resources from the growing number of pests that threaten states' agricultural industries.

**Renate**

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that this might be a problem and I was too embarrassed to go up front and ask.

To this day I thank my algebra teacher, Mrs. Goodrich, who taught me algebra when I was almost lost to math of any kind. Without her I would never have qualified for chemistry and physics.

The deeper problem of course is that many teachers automatically see such students as not quite bright; even though many, like myself, were literally years ahead of our fellow students — unfortunately in another language and culture.

Many students in our own culture are influenced in ways that most parents find almost impossible to control or understand. How many parents today are available full time to talk through the insane programs, stories and modeling to which young girls are exposed? In many indirect ways, they are taught to follow the ads and imitate film models that wear four-inch heels, have sex in the carwash (a segment of Ally McBeal we watched in 2002), or strive to look anorexic as the goal. With good parents and communities, these programs are less influential (look at Alexis in the television program "Castle").

In the classroom and schools, many disruptive behaviors

are very hard to control. Here is a teacher talking about elementary students. I chose a relatively mild problem considering the realities.

"There were kids who threatened to kill each other. There was once a kid who lit a bulletin board on fire. We had to evacuate the building. There was a kid who stole a pair of scissors from the drawer and cut up another kid's jacket.

"I felt like I was a part-time teacher and a part-time therapist. That's what the kids needed. All I wanted to do was help, but you're not really given the opportunity to help, because you just have to fill out paperwork all the time. There was so little time to give them social and emotional help, because the administrators were breathing down my back," this teacher said explaining the conflicts.

There are many stories like this from honest, hardworking teachers out there. So the next time you hear anyone bash teachers in any way or say that teaching is easy (including politicians who should know better), here is a suggestion. Tell them that you will believe them after they have taught in a high school for at least six months.

Thanks to all who have attended our Saturday sessions sponsored by the Natural Learning Research Institute. We are suspending our session for December but will be back together on Jan. 19, 2013, at the Caine Learning Center.

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

# CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

Santa is checking his list of animal shelter babies, and he knows who is nice. They all are! **Freya**, now known as **Freda** went on a sleepover and never returned. Well, just to visit. She now sports her Christmas harness, and is the love of her human's life. **Guido** is now **Alfie**, and quickly learned the way to melt his human's hearts. Paws up Alfie. Merry Christmas from ARF to both.

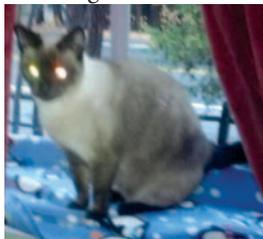


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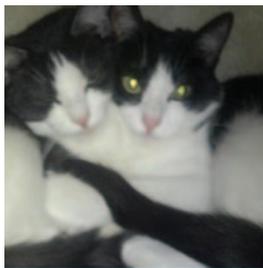


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# PAST TENSE

## 65 years ago - 1947

November had been a cold month with a low of 14 degrees. Joe McGaugh reported 10 degrees in his cow barn, but people thought he was just trying to get ice cream the easy way.

## 60 years ago - 1952

Town Hall was jammed for the annual Christmas party, which featured a school program. The evening opened with a series of skits entitled "Living Christmas Cards" presented by the students.

## 55 years ago - 1957

Two rounds from the famous old George Thomas Cedar, which toppled in the wind, were to be preserved for study. Jeff Dennis was cutting the rounds.

## 50 years ago - 1962

The Community Chorus, joined by singers from all the churches on the Hill, presented a performance of Handel's "Messiah." It was the first such presentation in Idyllwild, and the choral director, Dr. Roy Brignall, hoped it would become an

annual tradition.

## 45 years ago - 1967

Following a 7-inch snowfall, Wednesday dawned bitterly cold at 8 degrees. Snow had fallen in Hemet.

## 40 years ago - 1972

San Diego Federal Savings & Loan opened an Idyllwild branch with actress Carolyn Jones cutting the ribbon.

## 35 years ago - 1977

The Idyllwild Post Office was experiencing its biggest season ever in terms of mail handled. Also, it had "the biggest ever stamp sales in one day," according to Postmaster Lloyd Wood.

## 30 years ago - 1982

Bowman Theater on the USC-Idyllwild campus was hit hard by a violent wind-storm that caused much damage on the Hill. Estimated damage to the theater was \$20,000.

## 25 years ago - 1987

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District, in conjunction with the California



Mr. and Mrs. Snowman, courtesy of Keziah Benson and Amanda Tell, visited Idyllwild during the weekend snows in early December 2007.

FILE PHOTO

Department of Forestry, was approved for a license to operate an AM station that, in nonemergency times, would provide public service broadcasting.

## 20 years ago - 1992

Workers from J.D. Stine Construction poured the cement in the framework of the Highway 243 Strawberry Creek Bridge.

## 15 years ago - 1997

El Niño's first storm wreaked havoc on freeways and beaches, but left the Hill only drenched and cold before letting the sun shine through.

## 10 years ago - 2002

After 40 years, Assis-

tant Road Maintenance Supervisor Al Grewe retired from the Riverside County Transportation Department. Grewe spent 35 years of his career on the Hill where he drove a road grader on a route in Pine Cove.

## 5 years ago - 2007

Riverside County awarded \$11,000 to ARF for veterinary care and an evacuation trailer.

## 1 year ago - 2011

Idyllwild native Brendan Steele teamed with Keegan Bradley to win the PGA Tour's 2011 Franklin Templeton "Shark" Shootout at the Tiburón Golf Club in Naples, Fla.

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# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



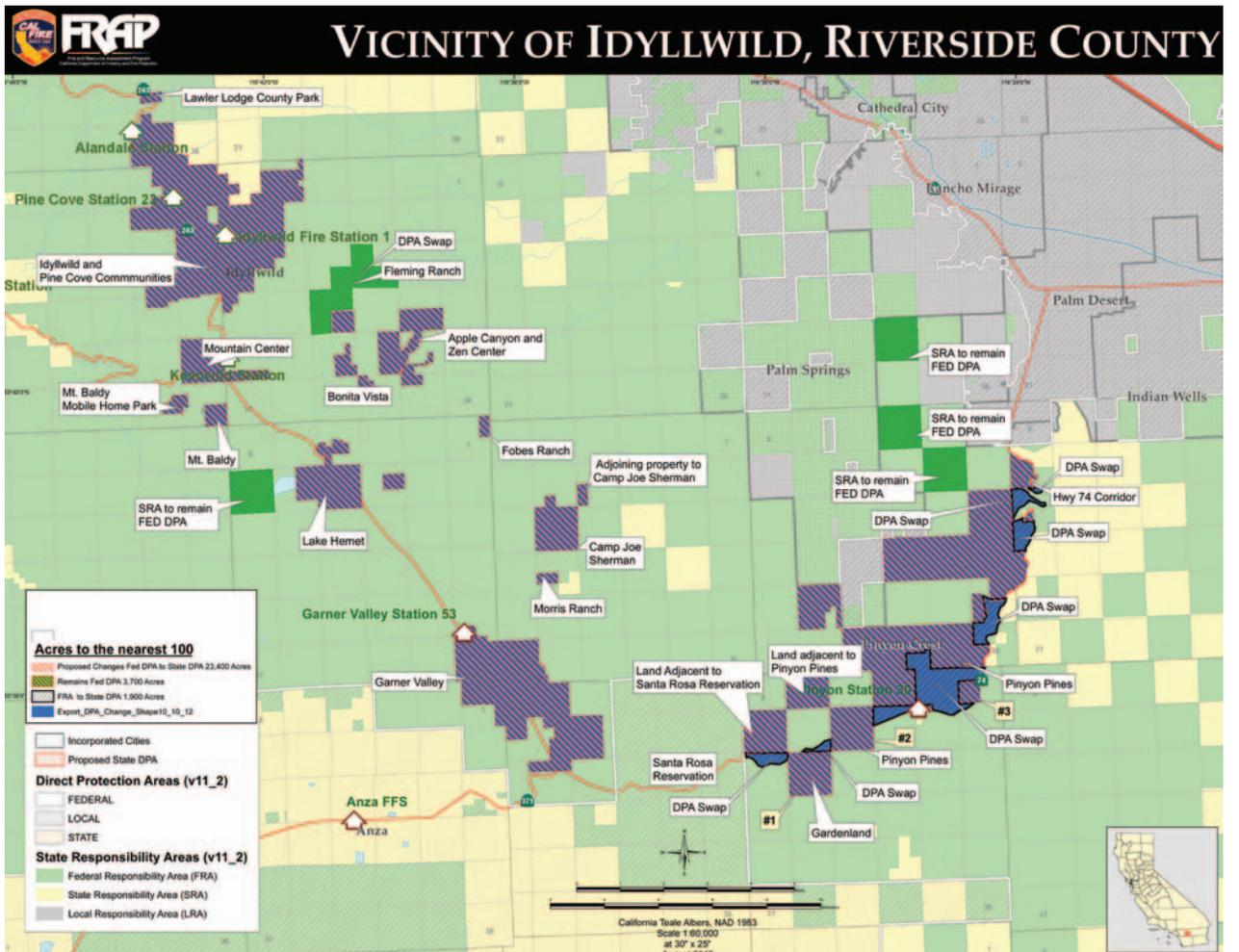
**Buzz Holmes**, music director at Idyllwild School, chose the following 4th-grade students, **Jimmy Lande** (left), and **Litzzy Pimentel**, as students of the week for Dec. 10. Holmes chose the pair because they are studying hard, doing a great job, and showing a lot of enthusiasm in the beginning instrument class.

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During the Kids' Tree Lighting Ceremony children were singing on the side of the tree, the lights came on and Santa came down; chaotic excitement pursued. Here, Idyllwild's **Mayor Max** greets Santa Claus and some of the children discussing gift ideas with him.

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The Direct Protection Area changes on the Hill as of Jan. 1, 2013.

MAP COURTESY OF CAL FIRE

## Protected

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effective Jan. 1, 2013,” Hawkins said. The decision to shift responsibility for areas is largely based on each agency’s mission, both fire chiefs affirmed.

“There will be no reduc-

tion in service or resources,” Hawkins stressed.

Legarza described the pending changes this way, “CAL FIRE will have the DPA for Lawler Lodge, Pine Cove, Idyllwild and Lake Hemet. The Forest Service will continue to have DPA on Forest Service lands in and around those areas.”

The accompanying map depicts the specific adjustments. CAL FIRE will assume more direct protection from just north of Lawler Lodge and extend south to the edge of Idyllwild and from Mountain Center to Lake Hemet, Legarza said. To the south, the changes begin at Morris Ranch Road

in Garner Valley to Paradise Corners and continue east through the Santa Rosa Indian Reservation and from the Santa Rosa Reservation (which is a current CAL FIRE jurisdiction) past Pinyon to about Bighorn.

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