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THURS., DECEMBER 20, 2012



The Christmas spirit is effusive throughout the Hill. Above, a house on Middleridge Drive is very colorful with multiple lights and decorations in a array of colors. More photos of the holiday displays on [page 3](#).

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

MAST tackles GSOB

Public meeting scheduled for Jan. 19

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The Mountain Area Safety Taskforce devoted its primary focus during its quarterly meeting to the threat to local forests of the Goldspotted oak borer.

Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone included the oak borer in an ongoing emergency declaration originally enacted for the bark beetle in 2002. He placed the issue on the Tuesday, Dec. 18, board of supervisors' agenda. While the bark beetle problem was confined to the Hill, Stone's Chief of Staff Verne Lauritzen stressed that the other four supervisors must be educated on the damage the pest could

do if it escapes the Third District.

The Goldspotted oak borer was first discovered last month in Idyllwild. At least one tree and some firewood that had been imported from San Diego County confirmed the presence of the destructive beetle on the Hill. While only one tree has been positively identified, officials and scientists urged the MAST group to use the winter and early spring to prepare for possible further outbreaks in warmer months.

"We're monitoring the sites more intensely this year," said Dr. Tom Coleman, Forest Service entomologist. Coleman, lead GSOB scientist, was the first to identify

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Salter continues to advance

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Lauren Salter, USA skeleton athlete, has just finished the first half of her third season. In this time, she has already made the national development team, while being one of the youngest competing sliders.

Her most recent competition was two weeks ago in Whistler, Canada, one of the sites of the 2010 Winter Olympics. This is one of the fastest and most treacherous tracks on the tour.

"I'm still sore from my bruises," she lamented. But Salter was happy to be in Idyllwild and visiting family. This is her first trip home in two years, she said.

Lake Placid, N.Y., is home now to this aspiring Olym-

pic athlete, but she hasn't been there since late October. In only her third season, Salter has been all over North America participating in American Cup races.

The team left New York for Park City, Utah, where they continued training. From there she and teammates drove to Calgary for November races, then back to Park City and then to Vancouver and Whistler.

The skeleton, luge and bobsled are three winter sports where competitors ride a sled down a mile-long ice track. The walls are ice. All three sports involve skill, strength, and speed and are practiced by both men and women.

Skeleton is a solo sport and racers lie face down and face forward on the sled. The luge competitors ride

the sled feet first and get a push start. Skeleton racers begin with a running start.

At the Whistler track, where Salter finished fifth, she attained speeds faster than 80 miles per hour. "This was a whole different experience," she said. "Pretty awesome just going that speed."

This is the same track where Nodar Kumaritashvili, a luge competitor, crashed and died during a training run on the first day of the 2010 Winter Olympics.

But Salter says racing is becoming more natural for her. The technical aspects are becoming easier, she said. And skeleton athletes, just as in football, basketball and other big money sports, study the tapes too.

While practice slides may See [Salter, page 12](#)

Raul Ruiz excited about new career and his district

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Editor's note: Dr. Raul Ruiz, our congressman-elect, participated in a telephone interview, Friday, Dec. 14, just weeks before he will be sworn into office as the representative of California's 36th Congressional District, in which the Hill is located.

We discussed the campaign, in which he upset incumbent Mary Bono Mack, and his views and feelings about the first few months of being a congressman.

"This is still very surreal," Ruiz said. "I won't get used

to it until my official swearing-in."

When did you decide to challenge Rep. Mary Bono Mack?

Ruiz said he had been thinking about challenging Bono Mack for several months.

"While working in the community, I saw people struggling and then seeing her vote for legislation that undermines these efforts," he said. "My father said, 'Never complain unless you're willing to make the

See [Ruiz, page 22](#)

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, Dec. 10 to 16, 2012:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

- Dec. 11 — Smoke control, North Circle Drive and Highway 243, Idyllwild.
- Dec. 13 — Walk-in medical aid.
- Dec. 14 — Medical aid, 54300 block of Live Oak Lane, Idyllwild.



Riverside County Fire, CAL FIRE Bautista Fire Crew 4, Idyllwild Fire, California Highway Patrol, Caltrans and Idyllwild Garage all responded to a traffic collision Monday morning. According to CHP Officer Mike Murawski, at 8:45 a.m. a report came in of a solo vehicle traffic collision on Highway 243. Edythe Belcher, 67, of San Clemente was traveling north on Highway 243 near Stonewood Canyon Road in Pine Cove. Belcher hit a patch of ice, causing her to lose control, cross the highway and roll down an embankment approximately 200 feet landing on its roof. Belcher was trapped upside down in her son's 2003 Chevy Silverado for 45 minutes to an hour before Jody Mueller, Caltrans supervisor, found her. Mueller noticed disturbed dirt on the side of the highway as she drove by and stopped to check it out. Belcher had minor injuries, including a leg laceration and Idyllwild Medic Truck 626 transported her to Desert Regional Medical Center.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER

- Dec. 14 — Dispatched and cancelled en route, Highway 243 at Dead Man's Curve, Pine Cove.
- Dec. 15 — Medical aid, Highways 243 and 74, Mountain Center.
- Dec. 15 — Medical aid, Tanglewood Street, Idyllwild.
- Dec. 16 — Dispatched and nothing found, Highway 243, Pine Cove.
- Dec. 16 — Medical aid, Marion View Drive, Idyllwild.
- Dec. 16 — Medical aid, Saunders Meadow and Highway 243, Idyllwild.
- Dec. 16 — Medical aid, Scenic Drive, Idyllwild.
- Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove
 - Dec. 10 — Traffic collision, Highway 74 and McCall Park Road, Mountain Center.
 - Dec. 14 — Traffic collision, Highway 243 and Stonewood Canyon Road, Pine Cove.
 - Dec. 15 — Fire menace standby, Franklin Drive, Pine Cove.
 - Dec. 15 — Traffic collision, Highways 243 and 74, Mountain Center.
 - Dec. 16 — Traffic collision, highways 243 and 74, Mountain Center.
 - Dec. 16 — Medical aid, Marion Ridge Drive, Pine Cove.



According to CHP Officer David Kling, at 2:20 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, Dan Slattery, 51, of Idyllwild was driving his 2004 Toyota Tundra south on Highway 243 near Keenwild Forest Service Station when a vehicle traveling northbound crossed the double yellow line into southbound traffic. Slattery swerved to avoid a head-on collision causing him to lose control, careen down an embankment, coming to a rest on the truck's passenger side. Slattery had minor injuries and was released at the scene.

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- Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley
 - Dec. 10 — False alarm, Highway 74 at Pinyon Flat Transfer Station, Pinyon.
 - Dec. 11 — Medical aid, 52600 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.
 - Dec. 13 — Traffic collision, Highways 74 and 371, Paradise Corner.
 - Dec. 16 — Medical aid, 35600 block of Butterfly Peak Road, Garner Valley.
- Riverside County Fire, Pinyon
 - Report unavailable.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following

- calls from Sunday, Dec. 9 to Monday, Dec. 17. This may not be a complete list of all responses:
- Dec. 9 — Solo injury collision, Highway 74, east of Pinion Road, Pinyon Pines.
- Dec. 10 — Solo motorcycle injury collision, Highway 74 west of McCall Park Road, Mountain Center.
- Dec. 14 — Solo noninjury collision, Highway 243 at Franklin Drive, Idyllwild. A Caltrans snowplow collided with a parked car.

Sheriff's log

Log unavailable.

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Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
12-10	60	32			na	na		
12-11	58	30			na	na		
12-12	55	29			58	28	.30	2
12-13	49	33	.61	.1	36	25	.02	
12-14	37	28	.10	1	42	20		
12-15	41	28	.40	3	44	20	.01	.1
12-16	na	na			na	na		

Moisture in inches		Snow in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	4.29	To date this season (Idy):	4.1
To date last season (Idy):	9.33	To date last season (Idy):	7.1
Total last season (Idy):	20.01	Total last season (Idy):	42.1
To date this season (PC):	8.01	To date this season (PC):	8.25
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.

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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

Systems failure — Part 1 ...

When it comes time to organize all the loose ends in your life, nothing works like a personal computer or smart phone.

The biggest flaw of the computer age is when we rely on them exclusively to store all our information. When the inevitable happens and that unfortunate crash occurs, you better have a back-up or you can be in big trouble.

This happened to me in November when my hard drive crashed. I lost more than 20 gigabytes of my photos.

When the end came I could hear the computer voice from Star Trek television shows in my head. The female voice always repeating the phrase “Systems failure in ...” followed by a countdown.

I didn't have a Mr. Spock or Commander Data to come to my rescue and fix things in the nick of time. Consequently, I had to pay the price for the lack of a back-up plan. Luckily for me, I had a friend who could extract what was left from my hard drive.

The situation isn't that much different when it comes to outdoor gear. Sooner or later, you are bound to have gear that fails you when you need it most. The result can be anything between annoying, like a broken zipper or shoelace, to life-threatening like a leaky tent.

If you plan to go hiking or backpacking during cold or wet weather, you need to make sure all your gear is in good working order. So here are a few things to look out for when you are planning on taking a hike.

I have heard the term “hiking system” used by many of the Pacific Crest Trail hikers. Usually they break it down into sections like sleeping system, rain gear, footwear, cooking system and so on. You should always inspect everything before you set out on your hike.

The sleeping system is made up of your tent, sleeping



Sunday morning's view of the rock from County Park.

PHOTO BY BRUCE WATTS

bag and pad. If you haven't used your tent in awhile try setting it up before you go and check all the poles and tapped seams. You may need to use some seam grip on the tapped seams if you haven't used your tent very often. The tent poles are critical and you should always carry duct tape for emergency repairs.

Sleeping bags should be stored in loose fitting bags or hung up in the closet. Down bags in particular do not like to be left in their stuff sack for long periods of time.

Check to be sure that you are not leaking insulation or feathers. Also check to be sure that your insulation is not “migrating” and leaving you with cold spots. Sleeping bags have baffles to stop this from happening.

If you are using an inflatable sleeping pad check for signs of delamination (the outer layer bubbling up or peeling) and always inflate the pad and test it for leaks. You can get a repair kit to fix small leaks; but if there are signs of wear and tear you may need a new pad.

If any of the three sleeping system items above should fail, you could be in for a long, cold and wet night. You must be sure that whatever gear you chose is up to the task. For example, a three-season tent will not be a good pick for winter camping.

Part two next week.



Many Idyllwild businesses come to life at night with the holiday spirit.

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A cabin across from Café Aroma on North Circle Dr.

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First snow of winter season blankets Hill



Friday's storm blanketed South Ridge creating a majestic backdrop from Lake Hemet. PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE



The mountain in snow seen from the Fort on Sunday. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL FREITAS



The sun peaks around the snowy rock. PHOTOS BY JIM CRANDALL



Chris Titus was the big winner of the 2012 Snow Guessing Contest. Her winning guess of Dec. 14 was placed at Higher Grounds Coffee House. Seven other people guessed correctly at various locations throughout town, and Titus' name was drawn from a hat. The annual contest netted 563 separate guesses this year. PHOTO BY JAMES LARKIN



Suicide Rock on a snowy and bleak day. PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH



Saturday the sun shone brightly revealing a beautiful frozen crested ridge nesting Strawberry Valley and the town of Idyllwild. PHOTOS BY CAREENA CHASE

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 16.

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, 6 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).

THURSDAY, DEC. 20

- IWD Special Meeting of the Personnel Committee, 8 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
- 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.
- Lake Hemet Municipal Water District meeting, 3 p.m. LHMWD office, 26385 Fairview Ave., Hemet.
- Forest Folk, Movie "Christmas Vacation," 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.
- High Valleys Water Dis-

trict, 6 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.

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

FRIDAY, DEC. 21

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

SATURDAY, DEC. 22

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

SUNDAY, DEC. 23

- 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., Ran-

Christmas church services

Offering an opportunity to pause for reflection and worship during the hustle of the holiday season, most of Idyllwild's churches host special Christmas Eve and Christmas services. Several feature special activities and entertainment, such as candle lighting, spiritual and seasonal music and a children's Christmas play.

Here is a list of the churches and Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24, and Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25, events.

See the Church Directory on page 9 for the addresses of the churches.

Chapel in the Pines

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:30 p.m. (held at former Morning Sky School campus)

Community Presbyterian

Caroling and Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m.

Idyllwild Bible Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight Celebration, 4:30 and 6 p.m.

Queen of Angels Catholic

Christmas Eve Caroling at 4 p.m. and Mass with Candle Light Service at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass, 10 a.m.

St. Hugh's Episcopal

Christmas Eve Caroling 5 p.m.; soup and bread follows.

Christmas Day, no service.

Spiritual Living Center

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

Christmas Day, no service.

cho 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. 24

• 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. 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.

TUESDAY, DEC. 25

• Alcoholics Anonymous Marathon Meetings, 8 a.m. to midnight, Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact information (562) 233-3348

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

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

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The new Mountain Disaster Preparedness board gathers for their first meeting. Front row, **Gigi Kramer** and **Mayor Max**; middle from left, **Annemarie Padula**, **Sherry Edwards** and **Chic Fojtik**; and back row, from left, **B.J. Brix**, **Mike Feyder**, **Bob Edwards** and **Marty Krieger**.

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MARSHALL SMITH

MOUNTAIN FOLK

Bill Sanborn's one-year term as president of the Hemet Unified School District ended earlier this month. Trustee **Marilyn Forst** is the new president and **Paul Bakkom** is the new vice president ...

Grace Lehman of Idyllwild was recently announced as an honorable mention winner in Family Travel Forum's 6th Annual Teen Travel Writing Scholarship Contest. Grace's essay was titled "Paris is A Promise that Aches." The contest received over 6,300 applicants and revealed the most outstanding work in teen travel writing ...

Bob Romano, of Fern Valley, attended the International Luxury Travel Marketing event, which just convened in Cannes, France, Dec. 3 to Dec. 6.

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

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INITIAL THOUGHTS

Listen to the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come ...



Well, we're approaching the end of 2012 and the beginning of a new year — 2013. As I mentioned last week, that's just fodder for journalists to write comparisons.

So I'd like to take you forward as Charles Dickens did in "A Christmas Carol." So I've called upon the "Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come" to be our guide.

I'm motivated to take this brief future vacation because of the "Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study," which Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar released last week.

Niether he nor the authors and analysts at the Bureau of Reclamation compare to Dickens, but their future also includes some frightening elements.

The report acknowledges that the Colorado River is one of the most critical river basins in the country. Seven states, including Southern California, depend upon this water for their burgeoning population. Hydroelectric plants depend upon the river's flow.

So it's important. But did you know that the river's water has been fully apportioned? Unfortunately, the upper states have yet to use their legal portion and the total apportionment already exceeds the 100-year average flow.

The projected supply and demand imbalance could be equivalent to the water for more than three million households by 2060. Sounds like the federal budget, spending more than available. But that's another rant.

The reason this sad situation bears your understanding is Southern California is very dependent upon the river's water. Cities such as Los Angeles and San Diego consume Colorado River water.

So what? Again, you ask why should we care. Think HELP Center. Just as we try to help those who are unfortunately in need, the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come says those fellow Southern California residents near sea level may need help in the future. They'll need, desire and crave water.

Idyllwild has three water districts, four if we count the Lake Hemet Municipal Water District only a few miles south.

They all have sufficient water for their current customers and residents. And that water is in the ground, not in the Colorado River Basin.

In fact, due to conservation efforts, the poor economy and a declining local population, consumers in all three local districts are projected to use the least amount of water in 10 years. Each district's 2012 consumption will be about 20 percent less than the maximum in 2006 or 2007.

So the Hill sits on a limited resource whose value will continue to grow in the future. Again, you dismiss the import of this fact. So let me remind you of the Los Angeles water wars and expansion in the early 20th century. If you don't like reading history and don't want to repeat it, watch Roman Polanski's 1974 film "Chinatown."

While I don't think the report requires immediate reaction, I hope the local districts will consider what might happen to them in the future if the Hill is one of the few remaining sources of available water in southern California.

Do we use it or lose it, protect it, hide it, or sell it? Are the three twigs stronger in a bundle than separate?

While the sky isn't falling today, but like a chess game, the districts should be thinking a few moves ahead.

I'm sure the big city water honchos are.

J.P., EDITOR

READERS WRITE

Help the HELP Center

EDITOR:

Supplies are lower than usual this year at the HELP Center. In the spirit of the holidays, we would like to encourage our neighbors on the Hill to join us in contributing generously to those who are in need.

The HELP Center particularly needs the following: food, nonperishable, nonexpired, unopened personal care and hygiene items, clean and usable towels, warm socks, long underwear or thermals, hot drink cups, manual can openers, sleeping bags, tarps and tents.

The HELP Center Thrift Store is also in need of warm clothing now, as well as clothing of all kinds (especially men's and children's), kitchenware and usable furniture.

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If you have any questions, please call the HELP Center office at (951) 659-2110.

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Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



Holiday closings

Hill businesses and institutions that will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 25, to observe the Christmas Day holiday:

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Idyllwild Library	Idyllwild Pharmacy
Idyllwild Transfer Station	Mt. San Jacinto State Park

These will be closed Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 24-25, to observe the Christmas Eve and Day holidays:

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TOWN TALK

By DOLORES SIZER

What do you want for Christmas? And have you been naughty or nice?



Gina Lindsay
Retired
Idyllwild

"Good health and I have been nice."



Lois Budlong
Retired
Idyllwild

"Just moved back and want to be settled in. I have been very nice!"



Judy Way
Fitness specialist
Idyllwild

"World peace because I have everything I want. You'll have to ask my husband."



Joan Bates
Registered nurse
Idyllwild

"I already got in my cabin in Pine Cove. I must have been nice, I got my Cabin."



Doug Austin and Steve Espinosa presenting **Steve Savage** with his speaker Gift at an Idyllwild Rotary meeting.

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TODAY'S HEALTH ISSUES

By ALBERTO MANETTA, M.D

Overweight — an increasing health risk ...

As we approach the end of the year and we start to contemplate New Year's resolutions we must remember that nothing is as important as preserving our health.

It is a foregone conclusion that despite important clinical and surgical developments offered by modern medicine most of what we can do to remain healthy are individual decisions related to our lifestyle.

Avoidance of disorders relating to our lifestyle and behavior are extremely important to health preservation. The avoidance of tobacco, illegal drugs, and excessive alcohol consumption in addition to keeping an adequate diet and a suitable exercise program are the main elements for the maintenance of health.

In contrast to previous centuries when infectious diseases predominated, chronic diseases are now the most common causes of death in the U.S.

Obesity, which is now a major health concern, is responsible for or aggravates the most common chronic diseases such as diabetes, arthritis, heart disease, stroke and even cancer.

The frequency of diabetes is at an all-time high. This condition is the most common reason for kidney failure, responsible for most of the lower limb amputations and remains the leading cause of blindness in adults.

Under normal circumstances, body weight varies according to many factors but the most important is our height. That is the reason why in most instances we use Body Mass Index (BMI), a combination of weight and height, to identify individuals overweight or at risk for becoming obese.

We have placed on the Town Crier web site a BMI calculator for those readers interested in knowing their BMI.

There are lots of misconceptions about obesity. Some of my favorites are:

"Why should I bother, I'm grossly overweight, I will never be skinny." The reality is that even a small weight loss of five to ten percent will benefit the obese person and lower the risk for chronic diseases.

"I can have that slice of pie tonight because I will take an extra walk tomorrow." Well, plan for a very long walk. The classic portion of apple pie is about 415 calories. If you go "a la mode" you are adding 260 calories for a small scoop (1/2 cup) of vanilla ice cream. This brings that dessert to a grand total of 675 calories. You will have to jog almost six miles to burn those calories.

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OFF THE LEASH

By CONOR O'FARRELL

Newtown! ...

News of the Newtown massacre tragedy is everywhere. It's the second largest school shooting in American history, but who's keeping score?

Some, including former presidential candidate Mike Huckabee, say it's the wrath of God for disallowing prayer in public schools; others say it's the result of weak gun control regulation and then there's the media's frenzy to capitalize on other people's pain in the race for higher ratings. I'll throw my hat in the ring with my two-bit assessment. I think America needs to take long, honest look at itself in the mirror.

We are a culture that glorifies violence. Violence has become our national pastime. How many movies have we seen where some lone hero with a special skill-set unleashes his unique brand of violence on the "bad guys" and against unbelievable odds emerges unscathed and victorious, leaving carnage in his wake.

There's "The Expendables" and its sequel "The Expendables 2." "Jack Reacher" has been released just in time for the holiday season, where Tom Cruise is billed as a "fearless vigilante-type hero, with nothing to lose, easily Cruise's most badass role yet." Let's not forget "Zero Dark Thirty," billed as "the greatest manhunt in human history," glorifying the killing of Osama Bin Laden.

These are just few of the most recent offerings. How about some video game fare, "Street Fighter X-Mega Man", "Call of Duty, Black Ops 2," or my favorite little stocking stuffer, "MadWorld," which asks the question, "What's black and white and red all over? Your victims as they're splattered against the wall after being skewered on a lamppost." Again, just a few of the many titles that are available.

Don't get me wrong, all of these entertainment gems clearly define who the "good guys" are and what the "bad guys" have done to deserve the hero's wrath. How easy and convenient to define the world into "them" and "us," us being the good guys and anyone else who isn't one of us being the evil motherf*rs who deserve to die. What a wholesome legacy to pass on to our children.

Then there is our "walk softly but carry a big stick" foreign policy. According to Forbes, in 2011, America spent \$965 billion on defense and \$880 billion on education, of which less than \$40 billion was the federal government's share. That's 20 percent of our federal budget on defense and three percent on education.

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Town Crier Holiday schedule

Since Christmas and New Year's Day are on Tuesday, the Town Crier will also be closed on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, Mondays, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

Consequently, for those two weeks, the paper will be published on Fridays, Dec. 28 and Jan. 4. The normal Thursday publication schedule will resume with the Jan. 10 issue.

The Town Crier's office will be open Wednesdays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

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The Town Crier's current printer went out of business. The new printer, in San Marcos, has a slightly different schedule. Newspapers will not be available on the Hill before noon on Wednesdays.

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Counters see eagles at Lake Hemet

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

On Saturday, Dec. 15, the U.S. Forest Service conducted its first bald eagle count of the winter. Local, federal and state biologists and volunteers participated in the count, which was around lakes in Southern California.

A total of four eagles (three adults and one juvenile) were observed at the area lakes during the one-hour count.

Two adults were observed at Lake Hemet.

"It was really a good event," said Anne Poopatanapong, biologist in the San Jacinto Ranger District. "The weather on Saturday was perfect. Other December events have been miserable due to weather. But everyone saw the birds instantly and the birds flew and hunted."

The other adult and the juvenile were seen at Lake Perris. No eagles were observed at Silverwood Lake. The counts at Big Bear and Lake Arrowhead were cancelled due to road conditions.

Juvenile eagles are distinguished by a brown head and tail; adults are recognized by the famous white



Ten brave souls showed up at Lake Hemet early Saturday morning in the bitter cold for the first eagle count of 2012-13. The resident pair of bald eagles was sighted and the special treat of the morning was the viewing of the female eagle catching a fish for breakfast. Above, **David Landeros** of Menifee looks through a telescope at the female eagle perched in a pine across the lake; **Anne Poopatanapong** (second from the right) is the San Jacinto Ranger District wildlife biologist. She is accompanied by friend **Sharon Dominey** from Buena Park.

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

head and tail. It takes four to five years to acquire full adult coloration. Juvenile eagles are the same size as the adults.

"The two juveniles from this year's nesting [at Lake Hemet] would be several months old now (maybe 9 months)," Poopatanapong added in her email. "Assuming they were hatched sometime end of March or early April."

The remaining bald eagle counts for this winter are

scheduled for the following Saturday mornings: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, and March 9. No experience is needed. Signing up ahead of time is unnecessary – just show up at the designated time and location, dress warmly, bring binoculars and a watch.

Volunteers for the Lake Hemet count should plan on meeting at the Lake Hemet Grocery Store at 8:30 a.m. for orientation. For more information, contact Anne Poopatanapong,

Audubon Society bird count

Sunday Morning several enthusiastic birders gathered at Lake Hemet for the Annual Audubon Bird Count. Nearly 60 different species were counted at the lake.

PHOTOS BY CAREENA CHASE

Ten American white pelicans were sighted at Lake Hemet Sunday during the Annual Audubon Bird Count.

biologist in the San Jacinto Ranger District, via email at apoopatanapong@fs.fed.us or call at (909) 382-2935.

If you are in Garner Valley and want to see the resident pair, stop by the Forest Service's Lake Hemet Day Use Area and just look across the lake. The birds are often flying overhead or sitting in trees above the picnic area.

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



This Cooper's hawk was fanning its feathers providing a show as it dries out between periods of lovely rain.

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Letters

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Firewood from other areas

EDITOR:

When we visited the Idyllwild campground from San Diego 13 years ago, we brought our firewood.

Thankfully, it wasn't oak, but we had zero knowledge of the oak borer problem. There was no information to residents to not transport wood when we drove out of San Diego County.

When I visited the dying oak grove in Descanso right after the Cedar Fire, I wondered what was killing the trees and falsely assumed it was the fire. I lived in Poway at the time and no information was being spread to that community which was not that far away.

Yet, when there was a fruit fly problem in the 1970s, every home in an infected area in San Diego city received a flyer stating to not move fruit out of the area. I guess when it comes to commercial grown produce, money is spent to educate people.

Right now, I am frustrated that there is no sign at the foot of our Hill at Mountain Center stating do not bring in firewood to this area.

How is a San Diego County resident to know? I checked with a family member in Chula Vista who watches the news every day

and she knew nothing of the oak borer beetle.

What is being done to educate the people in our town who don't read the paper? Do the private and public campground websites have a notice?

A notice posted at a campground to not bring in wood is too late. They need education before they reach our area. If someone arrives with oak, do they know to put it in a heavy plastic bag and knot it shut?

It was not surprising to me that the beetle has been found here, when the education has been inadequate.

I'll never forget Descanso's oak grove and truly saddened that could be our future here for our black oaks. A sign at the foot of the Hill in Mountain Center would be helpful.

No, I haven't contacted anyone with my idea, because I don't have a clue whom to contact; thus, my letter.

MERRIE VONSEGGERN
IDYLLWILD

Editor's note: After receiving Ms. VonSeggrern's letter, we contacted Kevin Turner, the Goldspotted Oak Borer Program Coordinator for the UC Cooperative Extension Office at the University of California, Riverside, who provided the following sites with information about activities addressing the Goldspotted oak borer's California infestations.

Readers may visit the following websites:

- GSOB.org
- ucanr.org/sites/gsobinfo/
- ucanr.edu/sites/oak_range/
- Gold_Spotted_Oak_Borer/
- civr.ucr.edu/blog/invasive-species/cisr-goldspotted-oak-borer/
- fs.usda.gov/detail/r5/forest-grasslandhealth/?cid=fsbdev3_046707
- rivcoag.org/opencms/quicklinks/GSOB.html
- firewood.ca.gov
- dontmovefirewood.org
- parks.ca.gov/?page_id=26137

There was no outreach for the Goldspotted oak borer before 2008 because no one knew that the insect was killing the trees in San Diego until Dr. Tom Coleman made the discovery of its presence and

associated it to the mortality.

The GSOB Steering Committee in San Diego was formed in late 2009 and a grant was awarded to provide funds for GSOB outreach, which began in earnest in 2010.

The gopher did it

EDITOR:

On page 8 of the Nov. 1 Town Crier issue, an article written by Marshall Smith appeared entitled "FVWD denies leak reimbursement."

I am Jim Brannan, referred to as James Brannan, or just Brannan in the article. I am the caretaker for the property under discussion, owned by Idyllwild faithfuls, David and Suzanne Horowitz for more than 35 years.

An adult letter to Santa

EDITOR:

Twas the week before Christmas and all through the house

Nanci was wrapping gifts for her spouse

While he sat there thinking what should I get her
Is there something she wants more than another

Maybe a new blender or a great big old mop
Something she'll use when not in her shop

Making those bright gifts for others she knows
Things like she sells in some of her shows

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During June, July, and August of 2012, I was responsible for the irrigation of the Horowitz property. This involved monitoring and servicing an irrigation system, and hand watering a

number of shrubs and trees by garden hose. During heavy thunder showers in July, I did not walk the property for 14 days because the hand watering was not required.

During this period, Mr. Gopher decided to explore the inside of a valve box that controls an old irrigation system, buried beneath 4 inches of tough soil. This box contains a 1/4 turn shut-off valve that feeds a PVC pipe, also buried and unknown to me, with a broken end.

See [Opinions, page 27](#)

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IFPD elects 2013 officers

Talks future projects

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Fire Commissioners re-elected Jeanne Charles-Stigall as president, Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly as vice president and Jerry Buchanan as secretary of the commission. Fire Chief Patrick Reitz was appointed to be clerk of the board.

Stigall was initially chosen commission president in January 2010, but she resigned for health reasons the following November. But a year later, November 2011, she was chosen as interim president until the next meeting when the new commissioners were seated. At the December 2011 meeting, she was elected to a full one-year term to lead the fire district.

At the same meeting, Schelly was elected as the commission vice president and Buchanan as commission secretary.



The Idyllwild Fire Commission's 2013 officers are (from left) Vice President **Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly**, President **Jeanne Charles-Stigall** and Secretary **Jerry Buchanan**.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

The commission devoted considerable time to discussions of future projects.

WNKI

As the result of Robert McCullough's resignation as manager of WNKI, Idyllwild's emergency radio station (1610 AM), Chief Reitz reported that he and William Tell, president of

the Mile High Radio Club, and officers of RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service), were discussing the station's future management.

The fire department has been soliciting public comments about when and how the station is used. "Everybody who has called wants WNKI to stay

and they want it to serve in emergency conditions. It is not listened to for any other reason," Reitz reported.

"We're talking about who is best suited to handle WNKI," Reitz said. "It is not just the broadcasting, but equipment, too." Commissioner Pete Capparelli recommended RACES as "an obvious organization to take over management."

Tell, who attended the meeting, said the communication organization was studying the issue and would discuss it at their January meeting.

Reitz also indicated Caltrans would be contacted about restoring the highway signs advising motorists to use the station during emergencies.

The station's Federal Communications Commission license is registered to IFPD, Reitz said. Currently, Rick Foster is managing the station for IFPD.

Rapid Rescue

Commissioner Schelly also requested that a future agenda include establishment of a rapid retrieval rescue unit to complement the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit.

"We have people and equipment who could access injured people just outside our jurisdiction," he said when suggesting the department consider a pilot project.

Since RMRU is not deployed until the Riverside County Sheriff's Department dispatches the unit, Schelly felt IFPD could arrive at the scene sooner and make an initial assessment, which would aid the decision to dispatch RMRU.

"It's something we do quite well — patient care," he said.

While Schelly was urging the IFPD unit to employ volunteers and reserves, Reitz said the department already has this capability

within its career staff. He said the problem of deploying them results because of the lack of backup staff.

"What you're taking about we can do, but not to the best of our ability because of budget," he replied. "It's where we're taking the department long-term." He will examine the issue and the commission will discuss it further at a future meeting.

In other business, the commission approved a new contract with Complete Billing and Data Management, the existing contractor, for filing of medical billings. The new rate will be 14 percent of billings.

The second December meeting, which would have been Christmas Day, was canceled and the next commission meeting will be January 8.

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CPUC hears public protests over Smart Meter opt-out provisions

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Pressured by public concerns over health and privacy issues, the California Public Utilities Commission previously required state public electricity providers to offer Smart Meter opt-out provisions to its customers. Now the utilities are proposing to raise the opt-out charges.

In its preliminary findings issued in April of this year, the CPUC set interim fees for opting out. Those fees will be in effect until next spring, after which the CPUC could revise them after reviewing utilities' actual expenses and costs for implementing the opt-out provisions.

The state's major utilities are requesting the CPUC grant higher opt-out charges for customers. The interim fees set in April by the CPUC were \$75 to opt-out and \$10 monthly, and for lower income customers, \$10 to opt-out and \$5 monthly. After reviewing its costs for

facilitating opt-outs, SCE submitted new fee proposals to the CPUC of \$98 for most customers with a \$24 monthly surcharge, according to SCE spokesman David Song. For lower income customers, SCE suggested \$78 to opt-out and a \$19 monthly surcharge. "Of course that's not set," said Song. "The ball is in CPUC's court."

Smart Meters read and record electrical usage and then transmit that information via electromagnetic waves to the utility. Electrical providers say this is more efficient, gives customers Internet electrical usage monitoring tools, and saves on customer bills by obviating the need for meter readers.

Opponents cite alleged dangers to health by transmission of electromagnetic waves through meters installed directly on a residence or aggregated together in banks in apartment and business complexes. They also cite privacy concerns that the meters constitute

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Nearly 18 months after county authorization of an Idyllwild historic preservation district, the local commission may finally be appointed. In July 2011, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors passed Ordinance 578.5, which created the district.

During the interim, too few volunteers stepped forward to complete the five-person board. That hurdle now seems past.

Olivia Barnes of Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone's legislative staff confirmed that the board for the Idyllwild Downtown Historic District now has five eligible applicants. The biggest stumbling block to

an unwarranted intrusion into customers private lives based on how the meters can monitor individuals' electrical usage 24 hours a day.

In a series of five public comment meetings held throughout the mostly southern parts of the state

seating the board had been the lack of five applicants, the number required for certifying the board. For many months, there had been either three or four applicants, but no fifth.

Barnes confirmed all five live within the prescribed distance from the district and all have said they are still interested in serving.

Barnes said she expects the appointment of the historic district board will be placed on the board of supervisors' calendar in January.

The idea for an Idyllwild historic district was Stone's. He began advocating it in 2008 in response to ADA lawsuits brought against business owners in Julian and Alpine in San Diego County. A historic district

(Bakersfield, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, San Clemente and Santa Rosa), CPUC officials received public input on the Smart Meter issues. The sessions allow Southern California Edison (SCE) and Southern California Gas Co. customers to voice opposi-

tion to both the program and its fees. Public hearings began Dec. 13 in Bakersfield and concluded Dec. 20 in Santa Rosa.

The question of whether a customer who has already had a Smart Meter installed could have it replace with

an older analog meter (what SCE calls a Legacy Meter) is still an open question said Song." All of these questions are still in CPUC proceedings."

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months and preliminarily approved. Once the local Idyllwild board is appointed in January, it will solicit community input on the guidelines and issue its approval, then forward approved guidelines to the planning department for final approval and adoption. At that point the Idyllwild Downtown Historic District will be up and running.

Its job will be to review and handle applications for changes to any building classified as a district resource. Within the board purview are changes in landscaping, fencing, lighting, signs, roofs, windows, doors and siding and additions to any existing structures.

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Idyllwild Historic District inches forward slowly

Pine Cove re-elects officers

Talks sale of its building

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Continuing what it believes has worked well, the Pine Cove Water District board of directors re-elected the officers that have headed the board for the past several years — President Tom McCullough, Vice President Mike Esnard and Secretary Lou Padula.

McCullough is beginning his eighth year as president. He was first elected in December 2005. Esnard and Padula were elected two years later, in December 2007.

At the board's Wednesday, Dec. 12 meeting, General Manager Jerry Holldber informed the board that the district's immediate neighbor, CAL FIRE Station 23, has expressed an interest in purchasing the district's office building. Holldber said CAL FIRE is considering expanding its existing footprint, and PCWD's office is contiguous to the fire department.

Board members observed that it would be a question of whether an offer from CAL FIRE would be sufficient to allow the district to adequately replace the current facility. Holldber stressed these discussions are only preliminary. "They're interested in at least talking about it," Holldber said. "We would be working with CAL FIRE as a partner and as a public service."

As part of his report to the board, Holldber summarized water production over the last 14 years (1999 through 2012) and cross-referenced production with declines in full-time residences.

From 1999 to 2012, production declined from a high of 40.5 million gallons in 1999 to a projected 2012 level of 31 million gallons. Full-time residences also declined during this period. In 2005, the district's full-time residential population peaked at 533 and has fallen to 407 as of December 2012,

according to Holldber's report.

Holldber complimented district customers on their water conservation efforts and said the district had no plans to go to Stage 1. "All our wells are holding up," Holldber said. "We've using fewer gallons and not overtaxing anything. Static measuring well is down three feet, but still at 83 feet."

Holldber also mentioned in his report that water loss percentages continue to be higher than he would prefer, and twice as high as in some years during the last decade (10 percent through end of November, 2012 compared to smaller losses in 2008 — 4.3 percent and 4.6 percent in 2001; 4.8 percent in 2000 and 5 percent in 2003 and 2007).

Holldber and staff have conducted due diligence investigations, but short of hiring a leak-detection company, he could not explain the higher loss figure. Board President McCullough said

that comparing the cost of producing the unaccounted for water with the cost of hiring a leak detection company, "It does not make a lot of sense to spend money to remedy the situation." McCullough calculated that an 8 percent monthly water loss (November 2012) would cost the district about \$100 to produce the water.

Holldber also submitted a report detailing the cost of constructing the highway tanks adjacent to Highway 243. Those totaled nearly \$80,000, with labor charges of \$53,800 for a total of about \$133,000. The money spent to complete the tank project, compared to the ability the highway tanks give the district to move water throughout its system, was a good choice and a sound investment, according to Holldber. The board, which had recently toured the now completed installation, agreed.

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Holiday reunion for the look-alikes

By MARSHALL SMITH
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Bill Guy (left) and Gary Glasheen, the Idyllwild look-alikes.

PHOTO COURTESY OF GARY GLASHEEN

Laguna Beach had the Greeter. Idyllwild had, at least for a number of years, the Idyllwild Look-alikes, Gary Glasheen and Bill Guy. The two, who many assumed are twins, are not even related. They just look alike.

They do share some other traits though. They moved here about the same time — Gary in 2001 and Bill in 2002. They are both from the East Coast — Gary from New York and Bill from Virginia. Both are left-handed, middle sons and each has three sons. Both are service veterans and both served in Idyllwild's Rotary Club.

For years the smiling duo could be found giving out Christmas candy canes and Valentine's Day candy kisses at the post

office. On St. Patrick's Day, they graced the Town Crier pages encouraging readers to "Believe in Irish Magic all year long" (spoiler — Glasheen is actually Irish). Even though Guy moved from the Hill this year, the duo are reuniting for one more Christmas at the post office from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 21.

Reunited again for a Merry Christmas 2012, the Idyllwild twins, Gary Glasheen and Bill Guy.

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Salter

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take two to three hours a day, most of that time is waiting and watching teammates. The actual slide time is less than three minutes a day. But her coach tapes runs and has the team study the tapes, particularly the tougher turns for hours a day.

And then she has to have time for workouts, including weightlifting. Time must also be allocated for equipment maintenance. This includes polishing the sled's runners to minimize friction on the ice.

"We look at our entrance and exit of each turn," she said. "We have to learn quickly, especially at Whistler, which is the Canadians' home track."

While she has done well in these international competi-



Lauren Salter, with several of her skeleton race medals, is on the USA national skeleton development team.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

tions, Salter said the second half of the season is still undetermined. "The coaches like to shuffle people and haven't made a decision," she said.

But she is feeling confident having been in four races this year, her first in regular international competitions. And she was asked to make all the runs at Whistler, where injuries are common, but

her coaches believe she is a responsible slider. Most of her teammates have seven to eight years of skeleton experience.

"I didn't believe the coaches when they said, 'It's a sport of time.' That means racing and learning about all the tracks," she said.

After the last 2012-13 American Cup race in March, Salter will begin training and preparation again for the 2013-14 season. She spends the summer in Lake Placid, running, training, working out, studying and trying to earn money to allow her to achieve her Olympic goal.

"Being an Olympic hopeful is pretty wild," she said. "I didn't think about until I was racing and on the stand and saw the USA signs. It was not just me, but for my country."

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For those who can help Lauren, here is how:

- To contribute online, go to USBSF Athlete Training Fund at www.teamusa.org/USA-Bobsled-and-Skeleton-Federation/Resources/For-Athletes/Athlete-Training-Fund/Donate-Online.aspx
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SPORTS

Town Hall Youth Basketball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teeguarden** reported on youth basketball for both the College League (kindergarten through third-grade) and the Pro League (third- through sixth-grade) for the week of Dec. 10.

College League (Kindergarten through third-grade)

The College League (grades K-3) started its season with two games Friday, Dec. 14.

The first game was between the Gastrog-nome Broncos and the Pacific Slope Tree Co. Bulldogs. From the opening tip-off, the game was close. The teams played great defense and traded baskets. The Bulldogs led 6-4 at halftime as **Reese Whitney** scored all four points for the Broncos, who fought back in the second half as **Layton Teeguarden** scored four of his six points. The Bulldogs broke a 10-10 tie late in the game and held on to win the game 12-10.

The second game saw the Wooley's Wildcats meet the Blue Bird Inn Jayhawks. **Cody Fogle** played great, scoring 12 points to lead the Wildcats. **Breanna Sheppard** led the shorthanded Jayhawks with five points. The Wildcats pulled away in the second quarter and went on to win 16-5.

Pro League (Third- through sixth-grade)

Thursday night, Dec. 13, the Town Crier Cavs took on the Suburban Heat in the first game of the season for the Pro League (grades 3 through 6). The game was a defensive battle at the beginning as the Heat were held to five points while holding the Cavs scoreless in the first half. The Cavs opened the second half scoring on their first possession and didn't look back. **Shelby Reed** scored four

points for the Cavs as they tied the game at the end of the third quarter. **Zach Gray** played outstanding defense for the Heat the entire game but the Cavs kept rolling in the fourth quarter and went on to win 14-8.

The second game Thursday pitted the Idyllwild Arts Clippers and the Fairway Market Lakers. The Clippers jumped out to an early lead as **Fernando Garcia** scored all six of his points in the first quarter. The Lakers stayed close in the first half and then broke the game open in the second half as **Stephan Carman** scored 5 points in the third quarter. The Lakers went on to win 23-16.

On Friday night, the first Pro League game was between the Fairway Market Lakers and the Suburban Heat. The Heat played great defense the whole game and **Jake Mabery**, with 22 points, scored almost at will, including a half-court shot at the buzzer to end the third quarter. The Heat had the lead the whole game but the Lakers stayed close and trailed by just a basket with seconds left. **Isaiah Carmen** got a rebound and put it back in as the buzzer went off to tie the game. The teams traded a basket in the first overtime and then neither team scored in the second overtime as the teams ended in a tie, 25-25.

Teams can play two overtimes and then the game must be stopped because there are other games scheduled immediately after.

The last game of the night matched the Town Crier Cavs and the Idyllwild Arts Clippers. The Clippers ran out to an early lead as **Chayton Kenyon** scored four of his 11 points in the first quarter. **Ben Tiso** scored eight points in the game including four in the second quarter to tie the game at halftime. The teams stayed close the whole game but the Clippers got a couple of key baskets toward the end and held on to win 20-16.

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There are many organizations and individuals who have contributed to make this possible. Here are just a sample: The Idyllwild Bible Church for supporting many children with gifts in celebration of the holidays, The Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church for all the hams and gift certificates for our HELP Center families; Steve Holldber, owner of Idyllwild Heating & Cooling, for his truck and driver who picked up and delivered tons of toys to us; the Idyllwild Quilters for adopting four families this holiday and donating numerous quilts to our client families; the Pine Cove Property Owners Association for accommodating families with holiday gifts, the Idyllwild Garden Club for outfitting a family, our Water Angel and his wonderful wife for making sure every child has a present, the Soroptimist Train of Love, BBVA Compass and Fairway for letting us put up the trees and all the Angels for taking tags from our Christmas trees and helping our families share in the joy of the season, Soboba Foundation, Mark Spehar of CAL FIRE Spark of Love, and Kim Crandall for Santa.

Individuals held food drives outside of Fairway, financial donations were made and the Thrift Store has been

very busy with donations and purchases. The Wonderful Woodies continue to cut wood on Fridays for our clients and it goes out almost as quickly as the wood gets piled up. Thank you all, as well as everyone else who helps keep us going throughout this season and the year.

While all the excitement is going on, we continue to search for new funding sources, grants and endowments to assure the continuity of the HELP Center's services for years to come. As you know, federal, state and county grants are less available and we have become more dependent on individual donations. This town is great, and we continue to plug along in our quest.

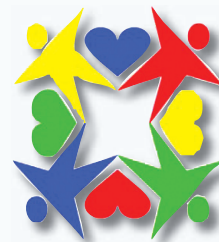
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Our next newsletter will appear in January 2013. We'll give you a rundown of some of our accomplishments in 2012, most of which would not have been possible without all of your help.

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SPORTS

Town Hall Adult Volleyball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teegarden** reported on Town Hall Adult volleyball for the week of Dec. 10.

On Monday Dec. 10, Idyllwild Garage played Idyllwild Inn. These two teams have combined to win the past five championships.

Idyllwild Garage jumped out early as **Kirsten Torrez** had some terrific bumps to help her team win the first two games. Idyllwild Inn won the third game with some great setting from **Misty Hitchcock**. Then the Garage recovered and won the next game and the match (25-19, 25-16, 22-25, 25-18).

Tuesday's game was between the Red Kettle and Silver Pines Lodge. Silver Pines, the more experienced team, led the whole way as **Julie Fogle** played great. **Bo Dagnell**

Jeff Adams (right) bumps the ball over his teammates toward the net.



hit well for the Red Kettle, but Silver Pines was too tough and won the match in three games (25-16, 25-19, 25-18).

On Wednesday, Forest Lumber took on Idyllwild Chevron. Forest Lumber played outstanding defense the whole match. **Michelle Adler** played great, she tracked down shot after shot. **Jayden Emerson** played great for Chevron hustling all over the court. Forest Lumber won the match in three games (25-22, 25-19, 32-30).

The week's final game pitted Silver Pines Lodge against Idyllwild Inn. Silver Pines took control in the first game as **Chris Fogle** set up his hitters very well. Idyllwild Inn's **Jason Sonnier** hustled all over and had some nice hits. But Silver Pines Lodge won the match in four games (25-12, 24-26, 25-18, 25-15).

Volleyball Standings

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

Send sports reports about locals to 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.



Idyllwild Chevron's front line (from left) **Pam Sheppard**, **Justin Lehr** and **Brennen Priefer** play aggressively against Forest Lumber, who won Wednesday night.

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During Town Hall youth basketball, **Layton Teeguarden** (center) playing for the Broncos dribbles down the court against the Bulldogs on Friday night at Idyllwild School.



The Heat (black) played the Lakers (yellow) who won Friday night at Idyllwild School. PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Strange but true

An ostrich can run just as fast as a racehorse.

SPORTS

Golf

Jim Crandall, Palms to Pines Golf Association handicap chair, provided this report about the Friday, Dec. 14, golf tournament.

The club held its regular monthly tournament on the Morongo Tukwet Canyon Legends Course in Beaumont.

While Idyllwild was hidden under its first snowfall of the year, clouds and cold winds were the rule of the day in Beaumont, where temperatures were in the chilly 40s.

The course was wet from recent rains, but otherwise in good shape.

Les Widerynski (course handicap 17) took first place with a net 71, **John Brower** (9) and **Bill Sanborn** (27) tied for second with net 72s, **Gary Leong** (15) came in fourth with a net 74, and **Dan Slattery** (26) rounded out the top five with a net 75.

In the four closest-to-the-pin contests, **John LoGiudice** won on holes number 4 and 12, **Bruce Marley** won on hole 8, and Leong won on hole 17.

On another note, 2011-12 club champion **Chuck Alkire**, who was scheduled to play in the Southern California Tournament of Club Champions on Dec. 10, couldn't make it because he suffered semi-minor injuries in an off-road accident.

Here are the current point standings for the 2012-2013 season.

Place	Golfer	Points
1	Bill Sanborn	17.08
2	Les Widerynski	15.5
3	Dan Slattery	11
4	John LoGiudice	9.5
5	John Brower	8.5
6	Pete Capparelli	8.33
7	Mike Feyder	6.08
8	Gary Leong	5.25
9	Robert Priefer	4.5
10	Jim Crandall	4.25
11	Scott Schroeder	4
12	Bob Stearns	3.5

13 tied	Chris Kramer	3
	George Kretsinger	3
15	Gary Brown	2.5
16	Lee Lanfried	2
17	Bill Ragland	1.5
18 tied	Chuck Alkire	1
	John McAndrews	1
	Wayne Sleme	1
21	Bruce Marley	0.5

Points are awarded at each tournament as follows: first place, 6 points; second place, 4 points; third place, 3 points; fourth place, 2 points; fifth place, 1 point. In addition, one-half point is awarded to everyone who participates.

The top eight-point finishers of the year go into match-play playoffs for the club championship in August, September and October. A member has to compete in at least five regular season tournaments and have a handicap no greater than 24.4 in order to qualify for the playoffs.

The club is a member of the Southern California Golf Association and is sanctioned to establish SCGA handicaps for members.

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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. 19

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.

Lenny Hansell, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

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

Thursday, Dec. 20

Forest Folk Movie Night & Potluck featuring "Christmas Vacation," 5:30 p.m. Town Hall.

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, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.

Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's.

Bill Saitta, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

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

Folk Music with JEBeye: John, Elaine & Bill, 8-11 p.m. JoAn's.

Saturday, Dec. 22

Breakfast with Santa, 9:30 a.m. Town Hall.

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

"The Hobbit," 2 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.

Jac Jacaruso, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

Idyllwild Master Chorale presents 2012 Holiday Concert Winter Solstice & Jazz Fusion, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild School Gym.

Harry Joe Trio, 8-11 p.m. JoAn'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. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.

Idyllwild Master Chorale presents 2012 Holiday Concert Winter Solstice & Jazz Fusion, 1:30 p.m. Idyllwild School Gym.

"The Hobbit," 2 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Frankie B. Good, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.



Local Color leads the folks gathered for Winter Solstice in a song on Sunday evening at the Caine Learning Center. The evening was filled with music, stories, sharing, dancing, food and fun.

Monday, Dec. 24

"The Hobbit," 2 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Open Mic Night with Scott Foster, 6-9 p.m. JoAn's.

Tuesday, Dec. 25

"The Hobbit," 2 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Dec. 26

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.

John King, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

Thursday, Dec. 27

Powell Mountain Winery Tasting, Idyll Awhile..

"The Hobbit," Special Midnight Showing, Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Dec. 28

Krafty Kids Art Class with Wendy Watts, 3:30-4:30



Esther Kennedy, director of Spirit Mountain Retreat Center, opens the Winter Solstice celebration Sunday night at the Caine Learning Center.

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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. 29

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

Live entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.

Karaoke, 9 p.m. Lumber Mill.

Arriba's.

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

Monday, Dec. 31

Open Mic Night with Scott Foster, 6-9 p.m. JoAn's.

New Year's Eve Party, 9 p.m.-midnight, Idyll Awhile.

Wednesday, Jan. 2

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Jac Jacaruso, Saturday, Dec. 22, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Frankie B. Good, Sunday, Dec. 23, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

John King, Wednesday, Dec. 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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Idyllwild Master Chorale presents holiday musical treat

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

The Idyllwild Master Chorale, one of Idyllwild's lasting artistic traditions, is presenting some of the most beautiful music written for voices at its holiday concert, "Winter Solstice and Jazz Fusion." All of the musical festivities are under the direction of Dwight "Buzz" Holmes, now celebrating his 25th year as IMC conductor and artistic director, having taken over from his father Robert Evans Holmes who founded the ensemble 36 years ago. Just as with a profusion of presents given in holiday exchange, there is a gift for everyone in IMC's holiday offerings.

For those whose taste

runs to the classical, there is Venetian composer Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria," in twelve sections, taken from the Latin Mass. Although successful in his lifetime, Vivaldi died a pauper and the "Gloria," now his most popular choral work, lay undiscovered until the 1920s. It was not until 1939 that the rediscovered "Gloria" was performed in modern times. Almost 20 more years later, in 1957, the now familiar original version was published and given its first performance.

Also on the classical bill is Cesar Franck's ethereal "Panis Angelicus."

For lovers of modern choral music, there is USC Professor Morten Lauridsen's "O Magnum



Dwight "Buzz" Holmes conducts the Idyllwild Master Chorale's 2011 Holiday Concert.

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Mysterium," which some have called one of the most hauntingly beautiful choral pieces ever written. Lauridsen is a multiple Grammy nominee and the 2007 recipient of the National Medal of the Arts, awarded by the President.

The awards program noted Lauridsen was honored "for his composition of radiant choral works combining musical beauty, power and spiritual depth that have thrilled audiences worldwide."

"O Magnum Mysterium" is one of three of Lauridsen's compositions that rank as the best-

selling choral works ever distributed by Theodore Presser Company, the oldest continuing music publishers and distributors in the United States.

For the children and the children at heart, there are joyful and familiar Christmas carols, richly textured Hanukkah songs, and scintillating arrangements of other holiday favorites.

At a recent rehearsal, Buzz described hearing his father at the piano late at night playing a melody line over and over. "What's that?" asked Buzz. "An idea for a Hanukkah song," Robert Holmes said.

"Beams of Gentle Light,"

for which Buzz contributed words, will be performed by IMC, as will Buzz Holmes' lovely carol, "I Remember Christmas."

To add a little holiday swing, the inestimable pleasures of jazz singer Sherry

Williams and Idyllwild jazz icon Marshall Hawkins and his quintet will be on display. Williams and Hawkins serve up some hand-clapping and sweet-sounding Christmas jazz, all backed by the IMC singers.

As if that holiday table were not already overflowing with sumptuous servings, a string orchestra will accompany the IMC singers.

IMC, Williams, Hawkins and Holmes appear at the Idyllwild School, at 7:30 Saturday, Dec. 22, and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 23. Admission is available online at www.idyllwild-masterchorale.com or at the door for \$20 for adults, \$15 for groups of ten or more and \$10 for those 12 years or younger.

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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.

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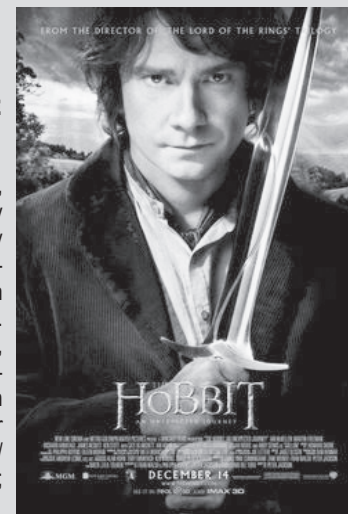
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ICF announces selection of 98 films

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Idyllwild CinemaFest 2013 Chairman Phil Calderone announced festival selections on Dec. 17. A record 98 films — 22 features, 24 featurettes (lengths from 16 to

39 minutes), 29 shorts (up to 15 minutes), 17 documentary features, four documentary shorts (from 2 to 29 minutes) and two web series, including ICF 2013 Featured Filmmaker Ignatius Fischer's "Freelancers" — will screen in four venues.

Calderone, whose hands-on management continues to grow this festival, noted some of his personal favorites:

• New York filmmaker David Spaltro's feature "Things I Don't Understand," is his meditation on relationship, friendship,

faith and afterlife. Spaltro is returning to the festival, having screened his first feature "Around" in 2010, the festival's first year. "Things," Spaltro's second feature is already a multiple award winner on this season's festival circuit.

• "Bound by Flesh," a documentary from Leslie Zemekis, wife of famed director Robert Zemekis ("Forest Gump," "Cast Away," "Back to the Future") chronicles the life of vaudeville performers Daisy and Violet Hilton. They sang, danced and played multiple instruments, were the highest paid act in vaudeville and America's sweethearts in the 30s and 40s. And they were Siamese twins.

• "Bubblegum & Broken Fingers" the first feature from director Sean Jackson after he had produced and directed over 20 short films, is equal parts western, gangster and love story. The film follows the journey of a mysterious silver briefcase and the havoc it brings each new owner. "A lot of plot twists," Calderone said.

• "The Unusual Calling of Charlie Christmas," a vigilante tale from director Adam Hampton is, Calder-

one said, the "dark horse of the festival. Of all the movies I watched for the festival, accepted or not, this one left me with the greatest emotional resonance."

• "Nailbiter," is the first feature from director Patrick Rea who last year contributed the very well-received short "Get Off My Porch (you remember the Girl Scouts and their cookies?). Rea, who grew up in Nebraska, used an experience running from a tornado as a boy as inspiration for this gothic tale. "It's a tense thriller that's a lesson in how to build and sustain suspense," Calderone said. "I think Hitchcock would approve." An interview with Rea will appear in next week's edition.

The full schedule will be available soon on the festival website, www.idyllwildcinemafest.com.

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David Spaltro films New York

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Filmmaker David Spaltro brings his second feature film, "Things I Don't Understand" to ICF 2013. He returns to Idyllwild after having attended in 2010 with his first film "Around."

Spaltro is a New Yorker through and through. He moved to Manhattan from Jersey City in 2001, just after 9/11, and returned to New York from a summer festival circuit three days before Hurricane Sandy hit the city.

He spoke about the resilience of New Yorkers and how they pull together. "You can't stop this city," he said. "The way it trains you, once you're here you're always a New Yorker."

So it's not surprising that Spaltro's films are New York-centric. "My films are little valentines to New York," he said. "Things I Don't Understand" is the second in his New York trilogy.

His first, "Around," was his coming to New York

college chronicle. "Things" is a mid- to late-20s tale of trying to figure things out, thing that are difficult to understand. His next, "Wake Up in New York" is more reflective, a love story with a sci-fi twist.

"Things" is the story of Violet Kubelick, a brilliant graduate student, studying near-death experiences after her own failed suicide. She forms a cathartic relationship with a young, terminally ill girl she interviews for her thesis project and also with a damaged bartender who lives downstairs from her New York loft. Said Spaltro, "It's a story of changing, relationships, love, life and what comes after."

He said the genesis for the story came when he volunteered in a hospice while in college in New York City. "It had a lot of my own personal questions," he noted, "trying to sort out and approach the question of faith." But he didn't write the script or make the film till years later. "I didn't

have the experience as a filmmaker or know-how to tell it right at twenty-one, so I shelved it and a few years later, while figuring out what story would be my first feature, I again realized I just wasn't ready to tell it."

After wrapping "Around," and after experiencing the personal loss of a few close people, Spaltro began work on "Things I Don't Understand." "I started in 2008 and had a good first draft in about three months. It took one year to do the rewrites. I didn't want to provide answers, just to open a dialogue [about an afterlife] with the audience."

Spaltro and partners began shooting in April 2011, mostly in Greenpoint,

Brooklyn, over a 20-day shooting schedule. "Things I Don't Understand" has already won multiple awards on the festival circuit. "I'm not a prize junkie," Spaltro said, "but I do want the people I work with to have their work seen. That's my satisfaction. I love film because it's collaborative. All these great artists bringing their work."

Idyllwild audiences will have a chance to see "Things I Don't Understand," and the highly reviewed performances of lead actors Molly Ryman and Aaron Mathias at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Rustic.

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Brennen Priefer, 5th grade teacher at Idyllwild School, chose **Alex Isaac** (left) and **Nicole Cochran** as students of the week for Dec. 17. Priefer said "I chose these students for accepting and conquering the challenges of 5th grade mathematics."

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE



Fiona McMullen gets a hug and her Positive Person certificate from **Mrs. Salter** during the annual awards assembly at Idyllwild School on Thursday morning. Other award winners in Mrs. Salter's class were, (from left), **Grace McKimson** (Positive Person), **Brooke Taylor** (all around good student), **Arturo Rincan**, **Matilda Terry** (creative writing) and **Joel White** (king of reading) and **Mary Norris** (secretary).

Below right, The Idyllwild School Mascot greets the students gathered for the annual awards assembly on Thursday morning.

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beep beep beep. Just
one more thing, a
dragon that breathes
fire.

Alexander M., 4 yrs
— A shark, a Elf on
the Shelf cuz I want to
find one. I want Allyah
and Destiny and Ty to
help me find it. And, a
race car.

Teagan B., 4 yrs — I
want a bug sucker. It
sucks up bugs. A new
Buzz Lightyear and I
really want a new disc
for my Buzz that got
fixed. It's leg broke off
but we fixed it. I want
a new Kitchen sink for
my play Kitchen.

Chloe C., 4 yrs — I
want those dolls that
have houses that
stick on the wall. New
crayons. I thoutht of
another thing — a
baby!

Lhasa H, 2 yrs — I

don't know.

Lucy N. 3 yrs — A
new pink Butterfly
Girl doll. I want six
more butterfly girls.
They have wings and
fly around. I already
have one, but I want
another one.

Cece N, 1-1/2 yrs

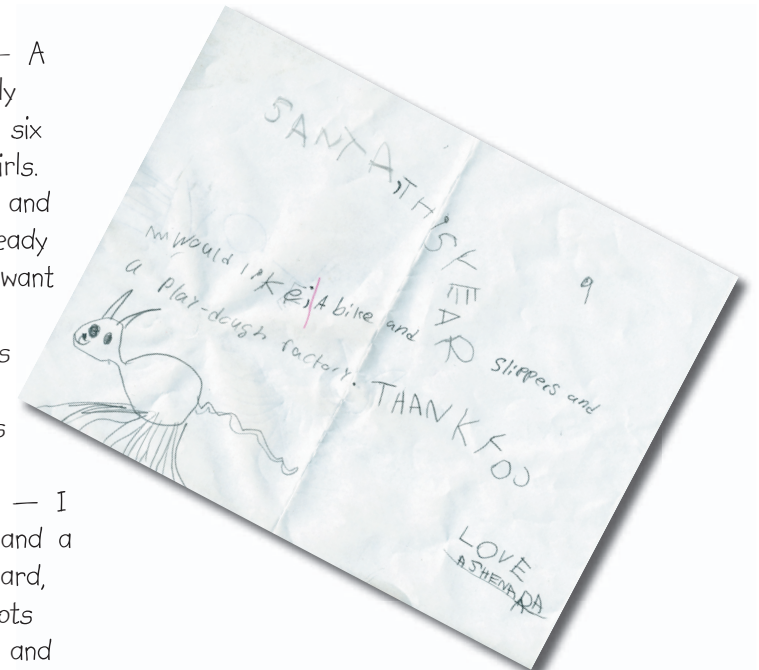
— Doll, yea!

Bode P. 1-1/2 yrs

— Ball.

Easton P., 4 yrs — I
want two bikes, and a
different skateboard,
and books and lots
of action figures and
that's all I want.

Hailey O., 3 yrs — I
want a ding dong castle
movie, a necklace and
makeup and a purse.
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children in school, too



— Orion, Lauren, Baby
Juniper, Opal, Miles,
Jack, McKenna — and
our helper, Breanna.
Thank you,
Teacher Kathy, Bob,
Teacher Sandra and
Teacher Claudia

Dear Santa,
I want an ipad but is
to many dollars.
Love,
Tyler S.
age 4

See Santa Letters, page 30

Dear Santa
I would want some Hello Kitty
Legos. And a Squishy frog that is
rainbow colors. and a
Squishy lizrd that is rainbow Colors.
Love,
Nayah
Oh, I forgot. I Would
like a plush Kitten

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I will like
a lego train
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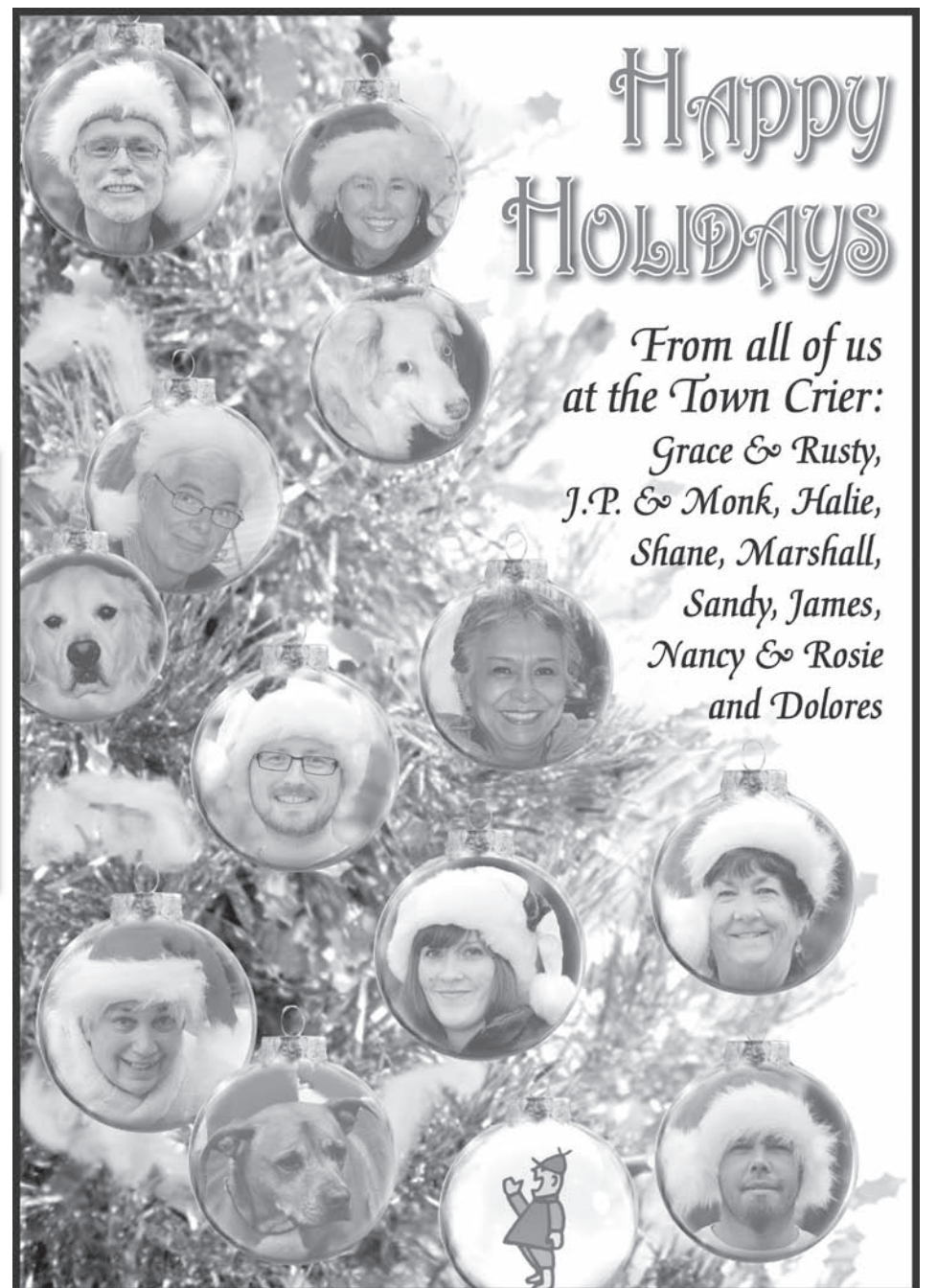
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Ruiz

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change.' So it became important to me to do more to help."

When did you feel you might win?

"My staff was always positive," Ruiz replied. "When our second poll came in [mid-October], we were up and then the third poll had us ahead by six percent." As a physician trained in science, Ruiz trusted the data. "We knew the time [for change]; it was now."

Did the debate on Friday, Oct. 12, have any effect?

Although the two candidates debated about three weeks prior to the election, Ruiz does not believe that had a significant affect on the results.

"It did help. It definitely shed some light," he said. The exchange between the two candidates helped voters recognize their contrasts.

"People are tired of Washington's language and the gridlock," Ruiz stressed. "People saw a viable opponent to her that night."



Dr. Raul Ruiz, congressman-elect for the Hill, meets with Secretary of the Interior **Ken Salazar** about the problems protecting the Salton Sea. Sen. **Barbara Boxer** also participated in the meeting.

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How did you feel going into Election Day?

"I was really excited. I felt like a carpenter with a new tool box or a doctor with a new stethoscope," Ruiz said. Adding that his priority is to serve the community, "I've lived my life to serve the community to the best of my ability."

What about your medical career now?

Although he begins his new career as a congressman in two weeks, he said he in-

tends to keep his physician's license. "Even as a doctor, I was thinking of how to help people," Ruiz said. "I'll continue to do that."

In that spirit, Ruiz mentioned that as an emergency room doctor, he has treated patients from Idyllwild late at night and very early in the morning. So he is aware of the lack of a 24-hour medical facility on the Hill.

What did it feel like when you set foot in D.C.?

"When I stepped off the plane, the first thing I really said was 'It's cold here. I'm back in the cold.' I was thinking about the winter clothes I have back at home. I have a desert dweller's energy level." Ruiz had spent many winters in Boston in college, so he has experienced the East Coast climate.

"I think it really brought a sense of reverence about our country's history and my role as a congressman-elect," Ruiz admitted. "Then I saw the Capitol at night and saw lights on it."

"It seemed to complete the circle on how good our country is. How a guy like me growing up in trailer Coachella can now fulfill a dream to empower lives of people he grew up with," he

continued. "It's just a testament to how remarkable America is and the American Dream."

What are your plans in January?

"I'm currently working with Sen. [Barbara] Boxer on the Salton Sea issues," he began. On Friday, Dec. 14, Boxer and Ruiz met with Interior Secretary Ken Salazar at the Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge to discuss restoration efforts in the area and ongoing efforts to build a sustainable water future for the state and people of California.

He also plans to continue his efforts during the campaign to hold town meetings and forums. "I really want people involved in the process," he emphasized.

As part of this effort, Ruiz said he would create many local advisory councils to provide him input on legislative issues.

"I'll continue to focus on job creation, access to affordable and quality health-care," he said. He won't forego his concern about educating the youth in the district. Student graduation rates and access to college-level education will be another of his priorities.



Monday at Idyllwild's new library **Conor O'Farrell** made his special annual appearance at story time reading three Christmas tales to the enthusiastic children. Conor followed the stories and songs, led by **Denise Gioeli Whitney**, with handing out gifts to all the happy children in attendance.

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Lou (center) and Annamarie (right) Padula celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Friday evening with friends like **Grace Reed (left)** and many others at the Rainbow Inn.

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Health

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"I don't have to worry about calories because I eat 'good food.'" Although it is important to make healthy choices, incorporating fruits, vegetables, grains and meats in our daily diet, how much we eat is as important, or more important, than what we eat.

"My child is overweight but the excess fat will go away as he gets older." Obese children very often continue to gain weight and become obese adults. Appropriate diet with positive reinforcement is important at all ages. No child (or for that matter, no adult) should be chastised because of his or her weight.

"I just heard of this terrific diet on the radio, you take a smoothie and the appetite goes away, people cannot stop losing weight." Three Day Diet, Berry Diet, Cabbage Soup Diet, Hollywood Diet, Beverly Hills Diet and all the rest do not work. Fad Diets don't work. At best they are a very temporary improvement and sometimes may be expensive and dangerous.

For most people, the most sensible way to diet is to eat a balanced meal incorporating all basic food groups and perhaps even more important to get accustomed to smaller portions. Portion control is the key to success.

In addition we should all (but critical for overweight individuals) adopt a practical exercise schedule. It is very difficult to maintain extreme efforts or actions, in either dieting or exercising.

Is weight control a case of individual or personal responsibility? Is obesity a case of personal irresponsibility or there are other contributing factors?

Most experts agree that although the individual must be an active participant to control his or her weight, corporate and societal factors played a very important role. There is little doubt that the food environment has changed dramati-

cally over the last few decades.

Just the increase in portion size in restaurants and cafeterias, dramatic increase in the size and availability of sweet drinks coupled with very sophisticated advertisements especially targeting children has changed the environment dramatically from the experience of previous generations.

It is difficult to make a case that people have become more "irresponsible" and thus became obese. The answer is certainly more complicated than that. In many other areas, society has become more responsible, it is hard to make a case that the opposite is the case in food consumption.

The most notable examples of increased responsibility are a lower incidence of alcohol consumption, intercourse outside stable relationships without condoms, tobacco consumption and the dramatic increase in the use of seat belts. Why would the consumption of food be an exception?

However, it is noteworthy that changes in public policy and public health campaigns helped to decrease unhealthy and dangerous behaviors, indicating that there is a role for government in this area.

The most conservative segment of society believes that this is not an area for government intervention; it is an area of "personal responsibility." It is important to remember that this was the defense of the tobacco industry during the 1940s and 1950s while attempting to increase the number of nicotine addicts in the country.

Most likely a balanced approach of educating people about smart food choices in conjunction with sensible regulatory changes is the best course of action. It is hard to predict given the massive influence of the food and beverage industry if this will become a reality.

If you have a suggestion for a future topic for Dr. Manetta to address, send an email to itc@towncrier.com.

Editor's note: For those interested in reading Rep. Markey's full letter to Commissioner Hamburg, it is posted on our website at idyllwildtowncrier.com.

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AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

- 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.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26

- 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.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- Prostate Cancer Support Group, 5:30 p.m. Restaurant Gastrognome, 54381 Ridgeview

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

- 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.
- Chamber of Commerce, 54325 North Circle Dr., 12-3 p.m. Monday-Saturday. 659-3259.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.

MAST

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the beetle in 2008 as the cause of the oak die-off in San Diego County. He said of the recent discovery in Idyllwild, "We believe the population in Idyllwild is fairly isolated at this time. We haven't seen anything else at eye level [GSOB infestation is most evident from tree base to 10 feet up the trunk]. And we haven't picked anything up in traps we've set." But Coleman acknowledged there are no current treatments that can prevent tree die off once infection is confirmed.

Former Hill CAL FIRE Division Chief Kevin Turner is the GSOB program coordinator at UC Cooperative Extension Service at University of California, Riverside. "One thing the San Jacinto Mountains have in MAST is a key player," he said, while imploring the multiagency leadership to get involved and be prepared. "You'll be the test case for rapid response. We don't know if this one tree ends it. At this point, we've got to act decisively. Now that it's here it could be in many more trees. You must begin to think how you are going to be involved. If you [MAST and area volunteers] are successful, you'll be the model for other counties."

San Diego County is the current locus of primary GSOB infestation. The beetles have killed 90,000 black, canyon live and coastal live oaks since 2002. More than \$8 million in public and private funds has already been spent on GSOB mitigation activities, including dead tree removals, disposing of infested wood and closure of parks and campgrounds due to dead and hazardous trees.

CAL FIRE Forest Battalion Chief Gregg Bratcher, current MAST chair, said the recent discovery of the beetle in Idyllwild has lent a new urgency to the tasks and agenda of this working group. In the past, MAST has successfully focused on measures to prevent catastrophic wildfires — tree removal as part of the bark beetle emergency and thinning of the forests and creation of fuel breaks. Bratcher noted that the oak borer has the potential to run a destructive path north through California to the



Kevin Turner (left) and Dr. Tom Scott, both of UCR, and key GSOB players.

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Pacific Northwest. "Now where do we go from here?" he asked in beginning the discussion of a coordinated multiagency approach.

The MAST group then began developing an action plan to prepare and address the situation in case GSOB has established a wider base on the Hill. Areas covered in the plan include regulatory options — which sworn officers have authority to stop transit of firewood under an existing California penal code; management of transit of firewood into federal, state and county parks; survey, detection and monitoring for oak borer insects in trees and firewood, including training of professional and volunteer groups; outbreak containment; infested tree removal, and public education including mass mailings to mountain residents.

One of the issues Turner addressed was the disposition of infested wood if Goldspotted oak borer has an established population here. As Turner said, "We can ship only so many trees to San Diego County."

The concern is how to keep the pest isolated on the Hill before it spreads throughout the county. "Isn't there also a risk of spreading the borer into any oak area in Riverside County if firewood is transported there?" asked Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins.

Although it is winter and the oak trees are not showing any symptoms, Scott and others noted that adequate tracking and investigation of beetle spread requires many trained spotters on the ground. "We're blind right now," Scott said. "We can't do much from the air until the leaves are out," He said. "That means we've got to get more [on the ground] information. We need cradle-to-grave documentation of firewood."

Firewood is the principal means for oak borer to travel and infect new areas. Lauritzen stressed that the public has to be more vigilant demanding to know the source of oak firewood. And Scott raised the idea of possible state legislation.

In order to develop a core of trained GSOB spotters, MAST plans two training sessions for official personnel and key volunteer groups in January. Training will focus on identifying signs of infestation in local oaks, bark and firewood.

A public education meeting for Hill residents to learn about Goldspotted oak borer infestation signs, how to have their oaks checked, and recommendations about firewood purchases and current transportation regulations is scheduled from 2

to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, at Town Hall. Idyllwild residents and property owners are urged to attend.

Planners selected a weekend afternoon to give part-time homeowners, many of whom are from San Diego, an opportunity to attend. Loss of Hill oak stands, on the scale that San Diego County experienced, could severely diminish property values. Cost to remove single infested oaks can range from \$750 to \$10,000 depending upon proximity to residential structures, campgrounds and schools.

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Dr. Tom Coleman, Forest Service entomologist and lead GSOB scientist.

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MAST hears CAL FIRE and Forest Service wildfire strategies

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

In its final meeting of 2012, the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce heard about several projects and plans, which will bear fruit in 2012.

Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins discussed the changes in direct protection areas on the Hill between CAL FIRE and the U.S. Forest Service. (See the Dec. 13 issue for details and a map.) Besides these agencies, Bureau of Land Management areas were also part of the realigned responsibilities, according to Hawkins.

"These changes will not affect the level of response," Hawkins stressed. "The response to wildfires will continue to be immediate, decisive and aggressive."

Randy Unkovich, deputy fire prevention officer for the San Bernardino National Forest, affirmed Hawkins' comments and stressed the level of cooperation that exists among the fire agencies within the San Jacinto Ranger District.

"The Forest Service wants to take an opportunity to see if they could apply the

national strategy priorities to appropriate resources at the forest level," he said, explaining the timing of the modifications. "In the end, it turns out to be quite a great thing, at least with our relationship with CAL FIRE and Riverside County Fire. We've worked cohesively more in the past 12 months than the past 12 years."

Hawkins announced CAL FIRE will move two more fire engines to the Hill in 2013, in Pine Cove and Anza. And there will be no change in the Forest Service's coverage across the San Jacinto Mountains, Unkovich said.

The Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council has submitted its plans for implementing the cedar shake shingle roof project to CAL EMA, said Edwina Scott, FSC executive director. They plan to replace more than 120 roofs on the Hill once the funding is available.

FSC President Michael Esnard said research and investigation of a possible wood-burning co-generation plant are still being pursued. He has a meeting on this subject scheduled in January.

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Experts explain oak borer concerns and local action

What: The presence of the Goldspotted oak borer in Idyllwild: An opportunity to learn and to respond

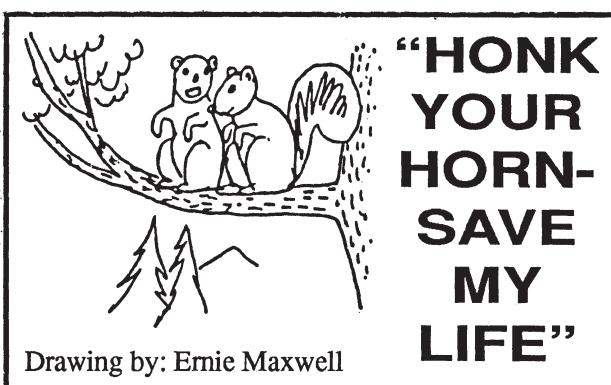
When: Saturday, Jan. 19, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Idyllwild Town Hall

The final agenda is not finished.

Speakers will include:

- Tom Coleman, entomologist, U.S. Forest Service
- Tom Scott, a conservation biologist at the University of California, Riverside
- Gregg Bratcher, CAL FIRE Forest Battalion Chief
- Kevin Turner, Goldspotted Oak Borer Program Coordinator, UC Cooperative Extension



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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, a California corporation.

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 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 Records 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, 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 Records 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"

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ACROSS

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- Baseball stats
- Crock-Pot contents
- Unclose, poetically
- Not procrastinating
- "National Treasure" star
- A-ha's megahit
- Desire
- "2001: A Space Odyssey" author
- Symbol of intrigue
- Corn spike
- Online gamer's icon
- Gee follower
- Underwear with underwire
- Inseparable
- Castle protection
- Decay
- Snips
- Hooter
- Fellow
- Insertion mark
- Holy
- Actor McBride
- Comic Philips
- Molest
- Donkey's pin-on?
- 1989 Morgan Freeman movie
- "- Karenina"
- Obnoxiously proper sort
- "Monkey suit"
- Hoodoo

- Tortoise's rival
- Pigs' dig

DOWN

- Mil. training grp.
- October birthstone
- Prefix meaning "10"
- Water pipe
- Central
- Curry or Conway
- "Maggie May" singer
- Diving gear
- Pitch
- Early bird?
- Tiny
- Upright
- Actress
- Longoria
- Go sightseeing
- Initial stake
- Whatever's left over
- Andy's pal
- "The Music Man" setting
- Body powder
- Tarzan's son
- Santa's guide
- Egypt's capital
- Jewel
- Alter
- Take it easy
- Lead the meeting
- Picnic invaders
- Filth
- Alluring
- Mahal
- Singer DiFranco
- Hostel
- Historic time

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 Records 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, 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 Records 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 Jenson 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 Supert 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

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's a good time for reunions with those very special people from your past. You could be pleasantly surprised by what comes to light during one of these get-togethers.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The new year gets off to an encouraging start for the Bold Bovine who takes that demanding workplace challenge by the horns and steers it in the right direction.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The clever Gemini will be quick to spot the telltale signs of workplace changes that could open up new opportunities for the right person. (And that's you, isn't it?)

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child's post-holiday letdown soon lifts as you begin to get back into your comfortable routine. Someone from your past extends a surprise bid to reconnect.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You've been the ultimate social Lion over the holidays. Now it's time to relax and recharge your energy so you can be at your best when you pounce on that new project.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A relationship could be moving in a direction you might not want to follow. Step back for a better overview of the situation. You might be surprised at what you see.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Emotions rule at

the start of the week, affecting your perception about a decision. Best advice: Avoid commitments until that good Libran sense kicks back in.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A longtime friendship could take a romantic turn early in the new year. While this pleases your passionate side, your logical self might want to go slow.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Someone might make a surprising disclosure about a trusted friend or workplace colleague. Stay cool and reserve judgment until you get more facts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might think you've found what you've been looking for. But appearances can be deceiving. Don't act on your discovery until you know more about it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're no doubt anxious for that confusing situation to be cleared up. But don't press for a quick resolution or you might overlook some vital facts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Now that your holiday distractions are easing, you need to apply yourself to getting those unfinished tasks done so you can begin a new project with a clean slate.

BORN THIS WEEK: People respect both your wisdom and your deep sense of loyalty and compassion.

Opinions

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In his vigorous digging frenzy, Mr. Gopher pushed open the 1/4 turn valve, releasing the gush of water, which flowed out of this broken pipe, undetected until discovered by myself.

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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, 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 files 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

How can I be sure it was Mr. Gopher? Well, I can't!

He couldn't be reached for comment, and wasn't able to attend the board meeting! But FVWD General Manager Steve Erler agrees with me on this.

How could anyone but a gopher or ground squirrel dig up a buried box,

open the lid, dig down to the shut-off valve, open it, then pack perfect loose dirt in the box, replace the lid, and bury it with hard weedy dirt? It had to be the rascally Mr. Gopher!

Incidentally, the article failed to mention something else. Board member Jim Reese floated the reasonable suggestion that,

given the unusual circumstances of this case, the board reduce the rate per 100 cubic feet to the FVWD "cost" level.

The board gave this idea the ca-bosh without even flinching! I know... I was there! Too bad Mr. Gopher wasn't!

**JAMES BRANNAN
IDYLLWILD**

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 incorrectness 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 95670 916-636-0114 Rachel Cissney, Authorized Signature SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.priorityposting.com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-573-1965 P1006125 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as VILLAGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, 160 N. Luring Drive, Ste. I, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Mailing address: P.O. Box 4626, Palm Springs, CA 92263. VPM RENTS, INC., 160 N. Luring Drive, Ste. I, 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 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, 28, 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

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

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: T. Vargas, Deputy
Pub. TC: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 28, 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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD LIVING ROOM GALLERY, 54300 N. Circle Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 240, Idyllwild, CA 92549. MICHAEL LELAND AHERN, 26345 Delano Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above Jan. 1, 2012.

Signed:
MICHAEL L. AHERN

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

FILE NO.: R-2012-12906

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MR. BARBECUE (BBQ), 81955 Hwy 111, Ste. 107, Indio, CA 92201, Riverside County. ALL VALLEY BBQ, SPA & PATIO, INC. 81955 Hwy 111, Ste. 107, Indio, CA 92201, a California Corporation

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

Signed:
LELAND BERLINER
President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 28, 2012.

FILE NO.:

Editor's note: The story to which this letter refers was about whether Fern Valley Water District would reduce or forgive the Horowitz's bill.

The board chose not to do that.

Mr. Brannan attended the meeting and did mention his

theory of the gopher's role.

However, neither Mr. Erler's official report to the FVWD board nor the minutes of the meeting refer to the gopher as the culprit or mention any other cause.

The issue was whether the bill would be reduced, not why the leak occurred.

I-2012-03066

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: S. Romero, Deputy
Pub. TC: Dec. 13, 20, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 2013.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER CHARLES CLARK

Case No. PSP1200749

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CHRISTOPHER CHARLES CLARK.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Pauline Baker in the Superior Court of California, County of RIVERSIDE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Pauline Baker be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take

many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 15, 2013 at 8:45 AM in Dept. No. PS1 located at 3255 E. Tahquitz Cyn Way, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262.

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner:
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SBN 127108
LAGERLOF SENEAL GOSNEY
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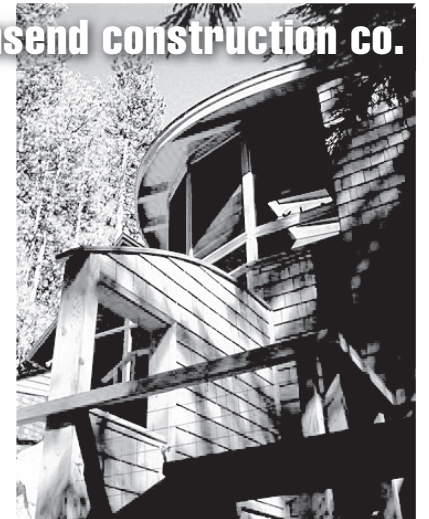
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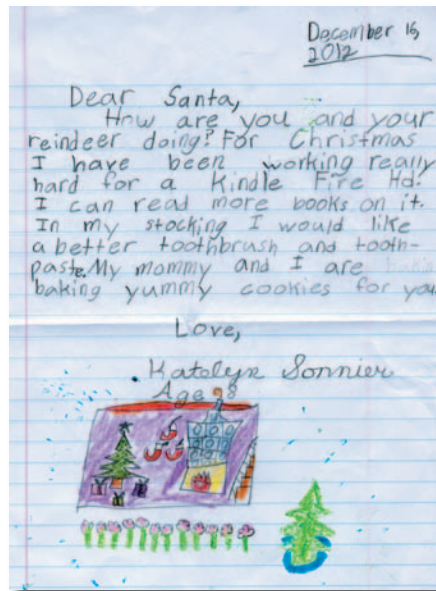
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Dear Santa,
How are you and your
reindeer doing? For
Christmas I have been
working really hard for
a Kindle Fire Hd. I can
read more books on it.
In my stocking I would
like a better toothbrush
and tooth-paste. My
mommy and I are
baking yummy cookie
for you.
Love,
Katelyn S, Age 8

Dear Santa, I think
the North Pole is kind
of cold. I am a good
boy and will try harder
next Christmas. What I
really want is a remote
control shark and a
punching bag. Thank
you for my presents
last year.
Love,
Colby S.
age 6

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a



Doodle Ber. I hope you
have a safe trip.
I will leave some
cookies and milk for
you. Tell Mrs. Claus Hi
and pet the reindeer
for me.
Love,
Kaelynn, 3

Dear Santa,
Even if I Don't get
what I want I will
still be thankful for it.
How are you and Mrs.
Clause Doing? Pet the
reindeer for me. I want
a Doodlebear please.
Love
Lyliaann, 5

Dear Santa.
I Want a spider man
web slinger. I also
want a remote control
Dirt bike because I
love Dirt bikes. I want
a race car. I want a
remot controll monster
truck.
Love you santa.
From: Lance



Lil Critters Preschool sang Christmas Carols to the Town Crier staff Wednesday morning. Some of the carolers were **Brynnley Meyer** (leopard hat), **Easton Pramuka** (red peacoat), **Chloe Cochrane** (blue peacoat) and **Alexander Mikroulis** (green & gray hat). PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

Wish List for
Christmas
1 hair clips (medeal)
2 hair feathers (white,
brown if possible
3 Sea monkeys
4 Baby alive with food
5 Guitar with case if
possile
6 DSI with games
Destinee S.

Dear Santa,
• For Christmas

I would really like
A remote controll
Helicopter or Plane.
• I would like a remote
tank.
• I would like a remote
controll Monster truck
• I would like a real
Bow and Arrow.
• I would like A
Nintendo 3DS excell.
• I would like a pro
scooter A lot!
6th Grade
From: Dilyn S.



Leash

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By modeling what they've learned. They see that the most powerful guy is the guy who morphs into the most violent the quickest. Kicking some ass is so cool, or so we fantasize. Now who has the power? They think.

It is not my intention to oversimplify this terrible tragedy by suggesting that our culture of violence is the

only predicator of a horrific act like the one in Newtown, Conn. I'm sure that such acts spring from a complex recipe of circumstances, but can we consider for a moment that our fascination with violence could possibly be an important ingredient?

Shouldn't we, as responsible parents, protect our children from such imagery that might suggest that violence equals power? Don't buy them that video game or take them to that movie. Protect them from the harshness of the world until they are old enough to grasp it's complexities.

Help them understand that there are many options at their disposal to resolve conflict. Violence should always be the last resort.

Be present and involved with their lives so they can navigate through that hazards that lay in their path towards maturity. Let's take a hard look at ourselves and try to stem the tide.

May God bring comfort and hope to those left to pick up the pieces in Newtown, Connecticut.

CREATURE CORNER

By MIMI AND HOOTCH

Happy holidays to all from ARF. We hope your holidays and the New Year will be full of love and treats for your furry four-leggeds.

New to the ARF house from Santa: **Mama**, a Chihuahua mix with four puppies about 4 weeks old, two females, two males.

Candy Cane, our Chihuahua mix, has found the best forever home for Christmas. Paws up to you Candy. Oreo our Boston terrier-Chihuahua mix will surely miss your love as will all of us at ARF.



Dear Santa: My name is **Oreo Cookie**. My ears are listening for those sleigh bells that will take me to a home for Christmas. I am friendly with all other dogs, am a little curious about the feline crowd, and very friendly with the humans. I am young

enough to play and love the adventure of a walk. The humans say I am part Boston terrier, part Chihuahua. I do tricks too! I can twirl and dance about especially when my food bowl is ready. My greatest wish, Santa, is for a loving forever warm home.



Baby Girl Faith has a special wish for Santa. Dear Santa: I was discarded in the dirt and left to die. I am alive today because someone made a change in their routine. They took me to a vet immediately, and then fostered me, nursed me back to

health and socialized and loved me. Yes, I am available for adoption. But my wish is for more fosters to open their hearts and homes for the many ARF animals so they could be as lucky as I am. Please consider allowing a small space for us in your home. Thank you, Santa.



And the reindeer brought ARF a present. Living alone, with little or no human contact, **Domino** is a female Lab mix that reminds me of our **Missy** Lab mix. Bring a football, and I think you will have a friend for the Super Bowl. She is an A-plus student, as she is already learning basic commands. She

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Creature corner is sponsored this week by Brent Skean. To sponsor the column, call Shane Fender at the Town Crier, 659-2145.



65 years ago - 1947

Everyone was invited to the first Christmas party in Town Hall. Ernie Maxwell was master-of-ceremonies and Charles Kretsinger led the carol singing.

60 years ago - 1952

Sale of Buckhorn Ranch at Dutch Flat to the Reorganized Church of Latter-day Saints was announced.

55 years ago - 1957

Vandals shot insulators and power lines, disrupting electrical service for several hours in some areas.

45 years ago - 1967

Hill folk were shoveling out from the heaviest pre-Christmas snowfall in 20 years. The Forest Service measured 38 inches of packed snow at the Idyllwild station.

40 years ago - 1972

Two well-known mountain men passed away: Ray Fobes, who drove the first stage operating from Hotel Hemet to Idyllwild 60 years previously; and Finest

PAST TENSE



*The joyous sounds of Christmas music were heard in Idyllwild as Conductor and Artistic Director **Dwight Holmes** brought forth the best from the Idyllwild Master Chorale: Fusion II this weekend in December 2010. This year's concert is scheduled for this weekend in the Idyllwild School Gymnasium.*

FILE PHOTO

White, who had lived on the Hill for 35 years and was a onetime foreman at Camp Roosevelt.

35 years ago - 1977

Area residents Ed Knapp and Bill Plummer finished producing "Christmas in Idyllwild," to be aired on Channel 3 Christmas Day. The two-hour TV show featured scenes from Town Hall's holiday bazaar, Desert Sun School's Christmas dance and other mountain activities.

30 years ago - 1982

Mel Goldfarb, then owner and pharmacist at Idyllwild Pharmacy, was recognized as a "Rock & Pillar of the Community" by the Idyllwild Rotary Club. At that time, Mel had owned the pharmacy for five years.

25 years ago - 1987

The first snow of the year brought 9 inches of the white stuff and gladdened the hearts of those dreaming of a white Christmas.

20 years ago - 1992

While the owners were away, several robbers broke into an Idyllwild residence, camped out for few days, ate all the food in the house and then took everything they could carry away.

10 years ago - 2002

Riverside Mountain Area Safety Taskforce leaders gave Rep. Mary Bono and state Assemblyman Dave Kelley a tour of land affected by bark beetle infestation. It was the fifth year of drought on the Hill, and the bark beetle had devastated about 36,000 forest acres.

5 years ago - 2007

An Idyllwild man, Christopher Lacanski, was arrested and charged with vandalism of Idyllwild School and theft of an automobile.

1 year ago - 2011

The draft Corridor Management Plan for the Palms to Pines Scenic Byway became available for public comment.

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The Gift

*An angel came to visit me
She gave me quite a lift
And as she talked, my spirit soared
Then I received her gift*

*A spirit so light and kind and free
Her heart was made of gold
And in her eyes I saw her soul
It was neither young nor old*

*The gift she gave astounded me
And brought my soul to tears
Of happiness for all mankind
And then she came quite near*

*She caused me to realize
There was something I then knew
For I was looking not at her
But I was seeing you*

Dearest Idyllwild Community,

Words often fall short of being able to convey the depth of feeling we have for our love of Idyllwild and its community members, so we hope that this holiday message helps to let you know how much we love you, and we wish you the best of everything this holiday season and in all years to come.

*With warmest regards and love always from
Mayor Max and his Chiefs of Staff, Phyllis Mueller and Glenn Warren.*

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