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Injured hiker

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New Year's Eve snow

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Family, friends and neighbors who left us in 2012.

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Director Patrick Rea returns with cellar thriller.

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ICF new comer

Leslie Zemeckis revives vaudeville on the screen.

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Stars shine over frozen Lake Fulmor New Year's Day night. With temperatures in the 20s, the lake's surface reflected the celebrating celestial crowd. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Many new laws now in effect

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The California Legislature enacted about 873 laws during 2012. Some counted 876 and there were other reports that even more laws were passed by the legislature and signed by Gov. Jerry Brown.

Most of these became effective Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013, although some are delayed until July 1, 2013 or 2014.

Below is a list of some of the new laws which Californians must begin observing.

Sales and income taxes

Proposition 30, which voters approved in November, raises sales and some state income taxes.

California's sales tax goes to 7.5 percent from 7.25 percent for four years. It also creates four high-income

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ARF presenter talks about aggressive dogs

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Nan Arthur, the first 2013 presenter in Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild's new speaker series, has spent 20 years analyzing why animals act and respond as they do. She will talk about aggressive dogs at the 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, event at Mt. Pawlytechnic Canine Education School, 23400 Highway 243, across from the Pine Cove Market.

"Most aggressions always begin in some kind of fear," Arthur said. "Dogs use whatever tools they have in their tool box, the things that have worked for them in the past," she noted. "With aggression, it's about teaching them new tools, new patterns that can also work for them."

Arthur explained that dogs communicate their fear or discomfort. "But the average person can't see what the dog is trying to communicate. And they [the pets] become uncomfortable or worried if

we, their humans, ignore the behaviors they are trying to communicate."

Arthur, who had a successful career as a writer and photographer, said owning an Australian Shepherd started her down a career change path. She described doing everything wrong with the highly territorial breed, to the point where she needed more information.

"I started volunteering at animal shelters," she remembered. "Eventually I was hired and began the education process of learning from others and observing animal behavior." She remembered being angry with people who were impatient with or just not present enough with their pets to see what they were trying to communicate. "I learned there were other ways to handle not just the pet but the people. Now the people component is my favorite part — helping them to see that their dog is smart, See [ARF, page 4](#)

2012's Top Stories: Part 2

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

Editor's note: At the end of each year, the Town Crier looks back at the headlines that made the biggest local news during the year. The summaries of five major stories are presented here in the first of a two-week series. Readers are encouraged to comment on these and other 2012 stories at our online site www.idyllwildtowncrier.com.

Goldspotted oak borer comes to Idyllwild

The Hill faces another potential tree mortality crisis similar to that caused by the bark beetle that killed thousands of Ponderosa and Jeffrey pines beginning in 2003, according to U.S. Forest Service entomologist Dr. Tom Coleman. But this crisis is not caused by a prolonged drought (1999-2003) that made pines easy prey for the bark beetle, but by the introduction, either natural or inadvertent, of a non-native pest, the Goldspotted oak borer.

This forewarning was written in October 2009, and three years later Goldspotted oak borer arrived in Idyllwild. Since 2009, the beetle has killed over 90,000 oaks in San Diego County.

On Monday, Nov. 12, CAL FIRE Bat-



Cutting notches just before felling the tree.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

alion Chief Julie Hutchinson confirmed oak borer's arrival in Idyllwild, almost certainly carried in firewood from San Diego County. Then as now, science has no bows in its quiver to attack and destroy

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NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Wednesday to Sunday, Dec. 26 to 30, 2012:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

Dec. 26 — Medical aid, River Drive, Idyllwild.

Dec. 27 — Medical aid, Highway 243.

Dec. 27 — Walk-in medical aid.

Dec. 27 — Medical aid, Sherman Way, Pine Cove.

Dec. 28 — Two walk-in medical aids.

Dec. 28 — Cover assignment, highways 243 and 74,

Mountain Center.

Dec. 28 — Medical aid, Doubleview Drive, Idyllwild.

Dec. 29 — Medical aid, Cassler Drive, Pine Cove.

Dec. 29 — Medical aid, Four Chimneys Road, Idyllwild.

Dec. 29 — Walk-in medical aid.

Dec. 29 — Scenic Drive, Idyllwild.

Dec. 30 — Medical aid, Highway 243, Idyllwild.

Dec. 30 — Dispatched and canceled en route, Highway 243 at Apple Canyon Road, Garner Valley.

Dec. 30 — Medical aid, Rim Rock, Road, Idyllwild.

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RMRU assists in Pinyon and Pine Cove hikers

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

On Sunday, Dec. 30, a 50-year-old male from Tucson, Ariz., began a hike on the Martinez Canyon Trail in Thermal to the Sugar Loaf Café in Pinyon. He had left alone at 10:30 a.m. on what he believed would be a six-hour day hike.

By the next day, Dec. 31, Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit was called out. "That's a very difficult uphill hike," RMRU veteran Lee Arnson said, "easily a two-day with an overnight. This man grossly miscalculated and got way in over his head."

A CHP aviation unit spotted the hiker, but owing to his position when spotted, he was too far from the RMRU ground unit for them to be effective in the rescue. "The guy had to spend two nights on his own," Arnson said. "He had no food and no tent."

On Tuesday, Jan. 1, CHP flew in two RMRU volunteers to the subject who was then airlifted out. Arnson said, "He told our guys that he thought he was going to die on that third night."

In a second rescue, Arnson, along with local RMRU volunteers Helene Lohr and

See [Rescues, page 8](#)



A Pine Cove man was rescued on Wednesday morning, Jan. 2, after he slipped and fell approximately 30 feet down a cliff on his routine morning hike.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Burglars hit Lake Hemet Market

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

In scenarios similar to recent Idyllwild commercial burglaries, burglars broke into Lake Hemet Market in the early morning of Saturday, Dec. 29.

Manger Alex Tomazin said they apparently used a small propane tank to break the glass in the market's front door sometime between 6:15 and 6:45 a.m.

Just as in the Fairway

Market incident, burglars tried to remove the store ATM but were unsuccessful. Tomazin said burglars took cigarettes and other small-change items.

Hemet Station deputies responded and took a report.

Anyone with information regarding this incident should call Hemet Station at (951) 791-3400.

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



Broken glass of Lake Hemet Market front door, the means of entry by burglars.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ALEX TOMAZIN

Vandals strike Italian restaurant

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Vandals struck La Bella Montagna Italian Restaurant in the early morning hours of New Year's Day, breaking glass in a large bay window. The damage, in excess of \$800, means the crime is classified as a felony.

La Bella Montagna is owned by Mariah Tartaglia, mother of Alfredo Tartaglia,

26, who was arrested Friday, Dec. 22, and charged with four counts of felony assault and intent to produce great bodily injury or death on an elder.

Alfredo was scheduled for a felony settlement conference on Thursday, Jan. 3. He has been incarcerated since his arrest.

Mariah believes the vandalism may be linked to her

See [Vandalism, page 8](#)

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Friday 1/4	Saturday 1/5	Sunday 1/6	Monday 1/7	Tuesday 1/8
60/33 Sunny.	62/32 Partly cloudy.	54/29 Chance of rain/snow.	53/31 Chance of snow.	63/34 Sunny.

Date	Idyllwild this year				Idyllwild last year			
	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
12-24	45	32	.42		58	24		
12-25	48	28			61	27		
12-26	40	28	.39		62	27		
12-27	43	24	.09		62	31		
12-28	na	na			67	37		
12-29	na	na			70	40		
12-30	46	20	1.7	4	67	40		

Moisture in inches		Snow in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	7.81	To date this season (Idy):	8.1
To date last season (Idy):	9.33	To date last season (Idy):	7.21
Total last season (Idy):	20.01	Total last season (Idy):	42.1
To date this season (PC):	10.10	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 3 ...

Your packing system is another important component of your hiking gear. It is obvious that if your pack breaks down you will be in very bad shape. Also, if your pack leaks and your gear gets wet, it will be a big problem.



Packs come with suspension systems that are rated by the weight they can comfortably carry. If you overload your pack, not only will it be awkward to carry, but you will be taking a chance that your pack will fail.

I have seen this happen many times when ultralite packs are overloaded and the shoulder straps tear. If you are backpacking this can be a total nightmare.

How you load your pack is also important. Heavier, high density items should be go into the main pocket close to your back. These items include your water bladder (bladders two liters and up) and your tent. Lighter items can go on top and be strapped to the outside of the pack.

You want to avoid packing so much gear that you feel as though you are being pulled backwards when you put the pack on.

If you are leaning forward when you hike with your pack, that may be a sign you have a problem. Either your pack is overloaded or the weight is not distributed properly.

Packs come in sizes based on torso length and if you get the wrong size, your pack may never be comfortable.

Because packs have numerous seams, zippers and tacked-on straps, they are very hard to make water-tight. For this reason you have to take steps to ensure your gear and clothing does not get soaked.

One of the easiest ways to waterproof a pack is to line it with a trash bag. After the pack is loaded you can use a twist tie to seal it.

If you are not an ultralite type of hiker, the best way to deal with a leaking pack is a pack cover. This is a waterproof cover that fits over the entire pack. They come in all sizes and even day hikers should have one at the ready in case you are caught in the rain.

Although I have seen PCT hikers that do not carry a



SNOW!

Clockwise from top left: Looking south on Fern Valley Road the morning after the Dec. 30 snowfall, by Marshall Smith. On New Year's Day morning, several hikers had already traversed the Ernie Maxwell Trail, by Don Reed. The morning snow reflects a bright New Years Day sun, by Nat West. As seen from Strawberry Plaza parking lot, the mountain after snowfall, by Marshall Smith.

stove or cook food during their thru hike, the vast majority of backpackers carry some kind of cooking system. There are many types of cooking systems — from homemade cat food can stoves to multifuel stoves designed for mountaineering. But they all must work or you will be going hungry and for winter camping maybe thirsty.

Whatever type of cooking system you decide on, be sure it is in working order before you go out hiking. Light it up and be sure everything is functioning properly. Make sure you bring enough fuel for the hike, which you

are planning. Any failure in your cooking system usually means a quick end to your outdoor adventure.

Water purification systems can be either chemical (tablets or drops), mechanical, UV or any combination of the three. Whatever you choose, be sure to check things like batteries for UV units, clean or replace mechanical filters and be sure to have a backup system, such as water purification tablets, in case the first choice fails.

In addition, be sure that all water containers are clean and do not leak.

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discovering that by watching. It is so fascinating to watch how they [the pets] do what they do and handle their lives. It's always about the consequence. And sometimes it's a push for people to learn things they had not known about their animals."

Arthur explained that by teaching dogs new behaviors that produce a better consequence makes them less agitated and nervous. "They learn new coping mechanisms instead of having their human

always come to fix things."

Training objectives begin with changing the ways the dog is currently managing herself. Then Arthur teaches them other behaviors to instill confidence that they are just as safe as aggressive behavior had made them feel. "The dog becomes so happy not to react," she said. "The longer negative behavior goes on, the longer it will take to change that behavior."

Training ultimately helps both the pet and the human feel calmer. "We do a lot of counseling with owners," Arthur said. "We talk to

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**Obituary
Barbara McCay**



Barbara Lorraine McCay, 88, of Suffolk, Va., passed away on Dec. 26, 2012. A long-time resident of Idyllwild Calif., she was the daughter of the late Henry Irving Scribner and Grace Elliot Scribner. She was predeceased by her husband, Leonard "Mac" Boyd McCaghren and son, Craig Lewis Slawson. Barbara was a homemaker who loved spending time with her family and

her many friends. She loved children and volunteered at the library and at elementary schools in Hemet, reading to children and helping them with class projects. She loved walking in the mountains and gathering pine cones and seed pods to create beautiful wall art and decorative table displays. Barbara was also an artist who painted landscapes, seascapes and portraits of her grandchildren.

Flowers of the forest for 2012

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

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

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

The Town Crier takes pause to memorialize in its first newspaper of the new year the names of 34 people who died in 2012:

- Morton S. Boss
- Lucile Hower Tanner Cies
- Milton R. French
- Robert Paul Garron
- Francis "Frank" Gorzny
- Viola Hallacy
- Seamus Patrick Harding
- Clesson H. Harvey
- Rhonda Heger
- Judith Hermanson
- Gerald (Jerry) R. Holsclaw Sr.
- Steve Hudson
- James Janopoulos
- Karen Rae Levitt
- Ann Lumsden
- William "Bill" Martin
- Bill Matthews
- Barbara McCay
- Jane C. Miller
- Maggie Morphett
- Robert John Muir
- Patricia Joann Norrell
- Diane Olsen
- Richard "Scotty" Oyen

- Patricia Ann Parish
- Shirley Mae Petkin
- Max "Mackie" Rana
- Irene E. Samaniego-Greisen
- Percy Frederick Herman Schultz
- Doug Selby
- Skyllir Leeland Perry Selkirk
- Marcia (Parady) Torrey-Jay
- Lolita Mae Watkins
- Helen Marie Webster Weisbrod

Alan Wayne Drotar and Gordon Price passed away in December 2011.

She lived in Idyllwild for over 50 years until 2008 when she moved to Virginia to live with her daughter and her family in Suffolk.

She is survived by her three children, Carol Irene Owen of Suffolk, Va., Penny A. Godlis of Santa Cruz, Calif., and Reed Michael McCay of Hemet, Calif.; her five grandchildren, Laura Stockton of Suffolk, Va., Peter Owen of Virginia Beach, Va., James Owen of Katy, Texas, Debora Lasater, of Canoga Park, Calif., and Brian Godlis of Goleta, Calif.; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity or Feed the Children, her favorite charities. Condolences may be registered online at www.SturtevantFuneralHome.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

FRIDAY, JAN. 4

• Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m., IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

• Cancer Support Group for women and men, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr., For information, call Deanna (951) 659-8104.

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, JAN. 5

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

SUNDAY, JAN 6

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

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous Book Study (closed) meeting, noon, Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Road, Poppet Flat, across from CAL FIRE Station 6.

• Teen Group, 1:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120

Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

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

MONDAY, JAN. 7

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

• Friends of the Idyllwild Library board, 9 a.m. Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave.

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

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

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

TUESDAY, JAN. 8

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

• Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 9:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.

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

• La Leche League, 1 p.m. Call 659-8321.

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

• Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

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

• Hemet Unified School Dis-

trict board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet

• 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, JAN. 9

• Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.

• Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m., Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr. • Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY, JAN. 10

• 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.

• Idyllwild Francophonie (fluent-French speakers), noon.

The Gastrognome, 54381 Ridge View Drive, RSVP. Call Françoise Frigola, 659-4146 for more information.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY, JAN. 11

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

• Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.

• Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, noon-8 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, noon-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 659-2300.

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

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

Court now accepting civil grand juror applications

The Riverside County Superior Court is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications from qualified citizens interested in being nominated to serve as civil grand jurors for the time period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014. Those interested in serving as a grand juror must have the following qualifications:

- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Be 18 years of age or older;
- Be a resident of Riverside County for at least one year prior to July 1, 2013;
- Possess sound judgment and fair character;
- Have sufficient knowledge of the English language;
- Able to attend hearings and meetings three to five days a week;
- Not be serving as a trial juror in any court in California;
- Cannot have been discharged as a grand juror within the previous year;
- Not be serving as an elected public official; and
- Have no convictions of malfeasance in office, or any felony or high crime.

Duties include, but are not limited to, investigating the operations of county government, researching matters of civic concern, and inquiring into public offenses.

A per diem, plus mileage, is paid to defray expenses.

An application can be located on the court's website at <http://riverside.courts.ca.gov/> by selecting "grand jury" under the divisions tab.

An application may also be requested by sending a self-addressed, stamped, business-sized envelope to the Riverside County Superior Court Jury Services Division.

Applications must be received by March 15, 2013, and should be submitted to Riverside County Superior Court Jury Services Division, P.O. Box 400, Riverside, CA 92502.

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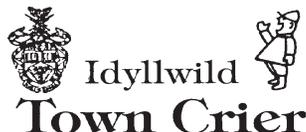
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READERS WRITE

Anonymous commentary

EDITOR:

I am wondering why people don't have to identify themselves and be checked out when responding to Town Crier articles online. I don't think people should anonymously be able to slander others as "Misty Meanor" was able to do in the comment on the break-in at Lake Hemet Market.

It is my opinion that to have one's comments printed either online or in the paper version, one should have to give real name and contact info which should then be verified, otherwise this becomes a free-for-all protecting those who are unwilling to sign their real names but happy to be protected in saying whatever they chose to say anonymously.

I am surprised that the Town Crier would allow this.

KARIN GREENWOOD
 FERN VALLEY

Editor's note: To verify the identity of a commenter online is nearly impossible and much more costly than a letter to the editor.

The concern that anonymous comments creates is an issue that almost all newspapers have had to address in the past 15 years.

Whenever a comment is posted, we received an email notice and assess whether it is potentially libelous. Comments that fall into that category or raise any concern are deleted.

This statement appears below the area for writing a new comment:

*"*READ BEFORE POSTING: The Town Crier reserves the right to remove comments that are poten-*

tially slanderous or libelous and/or outright nasty."

Otherwise, even an offensive rant can be considered free speech.

Despite the defamation issue, I concur with this writer's opinion of anonymity. If you are afraid to be identified with your opinion, what's it worth?

Home cooking businesses face new law

EDITOR:

A new California law [Assembly Bill 1616, "Cottage Food Operations"] allows people to prepare certain food in their home kitchen and sell it either directly to a consumer or to a third party.

The law is a good example of how to turn a simple concept into a legal nightmare, but guidance from the county and state

Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



appears to be forthcoming.

BEN KILLINGSWORTH
 IDYLLWILD

Editor's Note: This new

law is summarized in the story that begins on page 1.

The county is drafting an ordinance to implement the state requirements.

Rep. Raul Ruiz announces key staff

Dr. Raul Ruiz was sworn into office as a member of the 113th Congress, representing California's 36th District, which includes Idyllwild. He has announced his principal staff members and his main office in the district.

Kyle Layman will serve as his chief of staff. He was Ruiz's 2012 campaign manager. Layman is a native of Burlington, N.C., and a graduate of Wake Forest University and Georgetown University.

Greg Lucas Rodriguez will serve as district director. Rodriguez, who will oversee all district operations and constituent services, has decades of experience working in public service. He is a native of Huntington Beach and a graduate of Gonzaga University.

Rebekah Rodriguez-Lynn will serve as deputy district director. She formerly served as district director for California State Senator Fran Pavley and has also worked for Congressman Joe Baca (D-CA). Rodriguez-Lynn is a native of Yucaipa and a graduate of UCLA and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

Orfa Torres-Jaen will serve as legislative director. Torres-Jaen has more than six years of Capitol Hill experience. She is a native of Ontario and a graduate of California State University-San Bernardino and George Mason University.

Whitney Mitchell will serve as communications director. She previously served as communications director and a legislative aide to former Rep. Heath Shuler (D-NC). Mitchell is a native of Alexandria, Va., and a graduate of Indiana University-Bloomington.

Additionally, Rep. Ruiz announced his first district office will open Monday, Jan. 7, and is located at 777 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

Ruiz is currently working to secure two additional district office locations in Indio and the western portion of the 36th Congressional District.

Laws

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tax brackets for taxpayers with taxable incomes exceeding \$250,000, \$300,000, \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. This increased income tax will be in effect for 7 years.

Wood products

Homeowners and contractors will now pay a one percent sales tax when purchasing lumber products. This new law also eliminates regulatory fees.

Elder abuse

This act establishes various procedures for the reporting, investigation, and prosecution of elder and dependent adult abuse.

The act requires a mandated reporter and authorizes any person who is not a mandated reporter, to report the abuse to a local ombudsman or the local law enforcement agency if the abuse occurs in a long-term care facility. Failure to report physical abuse and financial abuse of an elder or dependent adult under the act is a misdemeanor.

Emergency services for seniors

Similar to an Amber Alert, the California Highway Patrol would activate a "Silver Alert" upon request if a person, age 65 or older,

is reported missing to a law enforcement agency and the agency determines that certain criteria are met.

Child abuse

It is now a crime for a parent or guardian of a minor child to willfully omit, without lawful excuse, clothing, food, shelter, or medical care for the child.

The parent or guardian is also required to notify law enforcement within 24 hours of the time that they know or should have known that the child is a missing person and that there is evidence that the child is a person at risk.

California homemade food

The new law allows Cali-

fornians to make foods and baked goods at home and sell them to stores, restaurants and directly to the public.

Assembly Bill 1616 clears the way for a statewide cottage food industry and alternative source of income for California residents by letting entrepreneurs skip the costly leasing of certified commercial kitchens before selling their homemade foods.

The list of approved products includes non-hazardous foods such as bread, muffins, cakes, fruit pies, jams, jellies, honey, empanadas, dried nuts, granola, dry cereal, popcorn, waffle cones, chocolate-covered nonperishables, roasted coffee, dried herbs, dried tea, dried fruit, candy

See *New laws, page 23*

How to get a letter published

The Town Crier welcomes letters reflecting all opinions. Letters should be concise and to the point. They should be no longer than 400 words. Letters must be typewritten, double-spaced and in upper/lower case (not in all caps). Letters must be signed (unless e-mailed) and must be identified with the writer's name, address and weekday phone number.

Exceptions: Anonymous letters will not be accepted. Letters of thanks are not accepted. A special advertising rate is available for thank-you letters. Political letters cost 10 cents per word.

We reserve the right to reject or edit letters for length, taste, clarity or frequency of submission. Only one letter per author within a 28-day period. Letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Town Crier staff. Letters may be submitted in person, by mail, by fax (659-2071) or by e-mail (itc@towncrier.com).

Strange but true

It was iconic pop artist Andy Warhol who made the following observation: "Employees make the best dates. You don't have to pick them up, and they're always tax deductible."

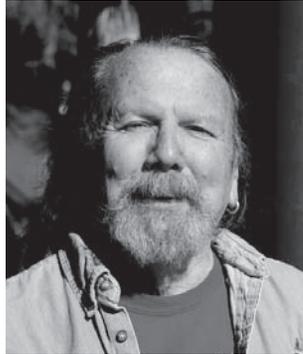
TOWN TALK

BY DOLORES SIZER

*What's your New Year's resolution?
What are your hopes for the Hill?*



**Monica Alfonso
Busser
Idyllwild**
"More jobs."



**John Stonitsch
Spruce Moose co-owner
Idyllwild**
"Stay healthy and be positive. I hope Idyllwild has a prosperous year."



**Crystal Deville
Garner Valley**
"Move slower, take more time."



**Eddie Hopper
Handyman
Hemet**
"Stay more active. I want the Hill to stay like it is."

Speaker

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them about having realistic expectations based on their pet's histories.

As with humans, Arthur noted that teaching dogs is often about instilling that not all perceived threats are real. The key ingredient, she said, is eye contact with the animal when teaching the new behavior. "Sometimes it's

about giving up something to get something, but the eye contact between pet and owner is an important part of imprinting the learning."

Arthur owns Whole Dog Training in San Diego and specializes in impulse control, aggression and fear behaviors. She became the first Certified Dog Behavior Consultant in San Diego. She is the author of "Chill Out Fido! How to Calm Your Dog."

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BEFORE OUR TIME

BY ROBERT B. SMITH

Pines to Palms before the highway ...

As winter wears on, Hill residents occasionally escape the cold with a jaunt down California Scenic Highway 74 to the desert. Driving it today, we forget that prior to 1932 the only way to get directly to Idyllwild from Coachella Valley was on foot or horseback.

The automotive alternative involved traveling around the foot of the San Jacinto range to Banning or Hemet, then up a steep, single-lane, dirt road. Worse yet, reaching the Pinyon Flats area, which visibly taunted sweltering desert dwellers who coveted its cool summer nights, was a 100-mile journey via Keen Camp (today's Living Free animal sanctuary). From there travelers used even more primitive roads through gates on the Garner Ranch and across Vandeventer Flat.

How the highway came to be is a tale far more convoluted than, say, the recently completed quest for a larger library building. You'll find the whole story, as detailed by my colleague, Steve Lech, in his new book, "For Tourism and a Good Night's Sleep" (available in the Idyllwild Area Historical Society's Museum Shop).

The idea was first elaborated in 1919 as a tourist magnet by Arthur Lovekin, longtime champion for creation of the Mt. San Jacinto State Park, and County Supervisor C. Rowley Smith, who would later turn up in Idyllwild as money manager for Walter Wood's ill-fated golf club on Saunders Meadow. They proposed following the old Rincon Trail up Palm Canyon from Palm Springs to Pinyon.

A competing proposal soon emerged from the population center of Coachella Valley, Indio, led by newspaper editor J. Winfield Wilson. (Palm Springs was still a sleepy village of 70 residents.) Indio residents were more interested in quickly escaping summer's heat, and their answer was a shorter, more easterly route to Pinyon, the so-called "Dead Indian Trail" up Carrizo Canyon from the future site of Palm Desert.

The matter was further muddled by advocates of a mountain state park, who pushed for a still shorter route up the West Fork of Palm Canyon and across the Desert Divide to Keen Camp.

County Surveyor A. C. Fulmor, who never saw a road proposal he wouldn't love to implement, eagerly and repeatedly surveyed the several proposed routes during the 1920s. Extreme terrain and exorbitant cost ruled out the West Fork route, but he pronounced the other two feasible, using existing roads between Pinyon and Keen Camp.

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FIRE AND FOREST

BY MIKE ESNARD,

MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
PRESIDENT

Some thoughts on the year ...

Another year to enjoy our mountains! On this topic, the vision of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council is "Fire Safe Communities in a Healthy Forest." It is not that our members are people who have always wanted to cut brush, prepare firewood, or write and administer federal grants (though they are good at it). It is that we share the simple wish to preserve the unique beauty that surrounds us, and to do what we can to live safely within it.

So we wish that all who live or visit here may have another year of enjoying the splendor of these mountains. And of course, we wish that everyone will do what is necessary to keep them healthy.

This was a good year for the Fire Safe Council. Our project managers were able to help many home owners with fire abatement using both county and state grants. The Woodies, our volunteer group, was amazingly consistent in processing firewood for the HELP Center and in abating homes for those in need.

Our biggest project of the year was to meet the Federal Emergency Management Agency's grant requirements. The grant funds will provide financial assistance to homeowners who replace wooden shake and shingle roofs.

Executive Director Edwina Scott sent a massive amount of documentation to CalEMA, the grant administrator, in December. We are hoping that actual construction work will begin this spring.

The project will result in the replacement of well over one hundred roofs, which constitute nearly all of wooden roofs in the mountain communities. Since these roofs are a major vulnerability for our communities, we are most eager to see them replaced this year.

On the negative side we had two setbacks, one directly related to us and one to the forest. The first was that we did not have our 2013 grant for property abatement awarded by the California Fire Safe Council.

The CFSC is the state clearing house for federal money for fire-risk reduction projects targeting private property, and over the past several years the funds they distribute have been decreasing, while the number of applicants has been increasing. This year they were able to award about a third of the requests they received.

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Vandalism

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son's actions and arrest. She said it was unlikely a thrown rock broke the window.

"The damage was a full-force blow that may have been done by a crowbar or bat, as it left a mark on the bottom frame in an angle of a left-handed individual," she said. "The Sheriff [deputies who took the report] even speculated [the cause could have been] a bullet due to the extent of force; however, no bullet was recovered." Vandals did not enter or burgle the restaurant.

Tartaglia is offering a

\$500 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible for the Jan. 1 vandalism. "I have embarked on a journey to identify all the suspects that take away our tranquility [in Idyllwild] and I began with my own son who is paying for his actions." She said she wants to identify the "methamphetamine group responsible for the crimes that are increasing here."

Anyone with information about the Jan. 1 vandalism should contact Hemet Station at (951) 791-3400.

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

Record

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Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Report unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

Report unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Report unavailable.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following calls from Wednesday, Dec. 26 to Monday, Dec. 31. This

may not be a complete list of responses:

Dec. 30 — Solo non-injury collision, Highway 243 north of Pine Cove Road, Pine Cove.

Dec. 30 — Two-vehicle non-injury collision, Highway 74 east of Apple Canyon Road, Mountain Center.

Dec. 31 — Solo non-injury collision, Highway 74 west of McCall Park Road, Mountain Center.

Dec. 31 — Solo injury collision, Highway 74 west of Spring Crest Drive, Pinyon.

Dec. 31 — Two separate, solo noninjury collisions, Highway 74 east of Highway 371, Garner Valley.



The crew from the CAL FIRE Station 23 (Pine Cove) preps the injured hiker before his air evacuation.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CAPT. SCOTT BETHURUM

Rescues

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Les Walker assisted CAL FIRE in a Wednesday, Jan. 2, rescue of a 62-year-old injured local hiker who had fallen 30 feet off a rock in the Pine Cove area. The press release described the location as the Shadow Oak Trail near View Rock in Pine Cove.

Arnsen said the man, who lives in the area, had

begun a hike from Appleton Drive and had climbed onto a large rock. He lost footing and fell off the backside of the rock according to Arnsen and sustained a compound fracture of his leg. The RMRU team assisted by getting the subject packaged into a litter for an air hoist by CAL FIRE aviation unit 301.

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

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department responded to the following calls from Sunday Dec. 23 to Monday Dec. 31. This may not be a complete list of responses:

Dec. 24 — Felony burglary, 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave., Idyllwild. Report taken.

Dec. 26 — Felony fraud, 25000 block of Rim Rock Road, Idyllwild. Report taken.

Dec. 29 — Felony burglary, 26000 block of Highway 243, Idyllwild. Report taken.

Dec. 31 — Felony burglary, 56000 block Highway 371, Anza. Report taken.

Dec. 31 — Felony burglary, 38000 block of Lincoln Road, Anza. Report taken.

Dec. 31 — Felony grand theft, 54000 block Tahquitz View Dr., Idyllwild. Report taken.

Dec. 31 — Felony burglary, 52000 block of Sylvan Way, Pine Cove. Report taken.



A power pole fell and electrical lines blocked Forest Knoll Dr. around 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28. Since it was unknown if the line was live, Idyllwild Fire blocked the road until Southern California Edison crews could arrive.

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Sales and use tax rate increases started Jan. 1

Due to voter approval of Proposition 30, the statewide base sales and use tax rate increased one quarter of one percent (0.25%) on Jan. 1, 2013. The higher tax rate will apply for four years — Jan. 1, 2013 through Dec. 31, 2016.

What rate will I need to charge my customer?

For transactions on or after Jan. 1, 2013, the tax rate in Idyllwild will now increase by one quarter of one percent (0.25%) to 8 percent. In addition to the statewide sales and use tax rate, some cities and counties have voter-approved district taxes. If you are located in a special tax district, your sales or purchases will be subject to the increased statewide rate of 7.50%, plus the applicable district tax rate.

How are sales of motor vehicle fuel (gasoline) and diesel fuel affected?

The sales tax rate increase does not apply to sales of motor vehicle fuel (gasoline). Currently, the sales tax rate for sales of motor vehicle fuel is 2.25% plus applicable district taxes.

The sales tax rate increase does apply to sales of diesel fuel. Effective Jan. 1, the sales tax rate for sales of diesel fuel will increase to 9.67% plus applicable district taxes. This rate will be in effect through June 30, 2013.

The sales tax prepayment rate for motor vehicle and diesel fuel will not be affected at this time.

How are fixed-price contracts affected?

The statewide 0.25% rate increase will apply to all taxable sales and purchases made as part of fixed-priced contracts and fixed-price lease agreements that were entered into prior to Jan. 1, 2013. The increased rate will replace the rate in effect at the time you entered into the fixed-price contract or fixed-price lease agreement.

Are there also new city and county district taxes?

In addition to the statewide sales and use tax rate increase, voters in some cities and counties approved a number of new or increased district taxes that will go into effect April 1, 2013. Taxpayers in the affected areas will be notified by the Board of Equalization.



The cozy atmosphere of St. Hugh's Episcopal Church brought people together for the Christmas Eve service on Monday evening.



Idyllwild Bible Church celebrated Christmas Eve in its contemporary style on Monday evening with a lot of music.



Dr. Betty Jandl leads the Spiritual Living Center's Christmas Eve service on Monday evening. The service was filled with music.

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The Community Presbyterian Church was filled to capacity and beautifully decorated for its Christmas Eve service on Monday evening.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Forest Folk Pot Luck & Movie Night

Thursday, Jan. 10, at 5:30 p.m.

January Field Trip

The first 2013 adult trip:
Balboa Park — Saturday, Jan. 12
Leave Town Hall at 9 a.m.
Return 6 p.m.

\$10 per person. Reservations and
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MONDAY: 10 a.m.-noon
Free Cribbage

TUESDAY: 10 a.m.-noon
Free Senior Wii

WEDNESDAY: 9-10 a.m.
Adult Yoga with Trine

FRIDAY: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Krafty Kids Art Class
with Wendy Watts
5-6 p.m.
Adult Yoga with Trine

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Arts & Entertainment Calendar

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

Friday, Jan. 4
Kraffy 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.
Peter Curtis, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
That's All Folks with John King, Elaine Balkman & Bill Sheppard, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jo'An's.
"Flight," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Saturday, Jan. 5
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock" Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
"Flight," 2 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.
Keith McCabe, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
Karaoke with Scott, 8-11 p.m. Jo'An's.



Snow brought out the big kids for sledding in Upper Fern Valley. From left, **Jim Tsai, Carl Emery, Rick Scheible and Donald Cornelius.** PHOTO COURTESY OF CATHERINE ALLEN

Sunday, Jan. 6
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.
"Flight," 2 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Sadie's Clinic Speaker Series, 3-

4 p.m. Mountain Pawlytechnic, 23400 Hwy. 243, Pine Cove.
Hojo Reynolds & Lenney Hansell, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
Monday, Jan. 7
Children's Story Time, 10:30-

11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
Free Cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon Town Hall.
Open Mic Night with Scott Foster, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's.
"Flight," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, Jan. 8
Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon Town Hall.
"Flight," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Jan. 9
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.
Lawrence Spector, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

Thursday, Jan. 10
Forest Folk Movie Night & Potluck, 5:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Friday, Jan. 11
Kraffy 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.
"The Written Image," Opening reception, 6 p.m.; **Creative Writing Readings**, 6:45

p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Idyllwild Arts. Show runs through Jan. 25.
Jac Jacaruso, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
Folk Music with JEBeye: John, Elaine & Bill, 8-11 p.m. Jo'An's.

Saturday, Jan. 12
Adult Field Trip to Balboa Park, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Town Hall.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
Live entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.
Don Reed, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
Karaoke with Scott, 8-11 p.m. Jo'An's.

Sunday, Jan. 13
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.
Mayor Max's 12th Birthday Celebration, noon-3 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center.
Bill Saitta, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

Monday, Jan. 14
Free Cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon Town Hall.
Open Mic Night with Scott Foster, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's.

Tuesday, Jan. 15
Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon Town Hall.

Wednesday, Jan. 16
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.

Strange but true

If you're an arachnophobe, you probably don't want to know that a tarantula can live for up to two years without eating a thing.

Will you join me for my 12th birthday party?

My 12th birthday party will be at the Idyllwild Nature Center, in the Auditorium room, which is heated and indoors — Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013, from noon to 3 p.m.

The Nature Center is at 25225 Highway 243, Idyllwild, less than a mile north of downtown Idyllwild on Highway 243. If driving from downtown Idyllwild, watch for the sign on the left side of the highway. Some navigation systems require state highways be formatted as "CA-243." See map at www.mayormax.com/birthday.htm.

We will be serving food, snacks, beverages, and birthday cake for everyone. There is NO charge to attend my birthday party, and you do NOT have to bring anything other than yourself and your appetite! Your friends are also welcome.

For my party guests, there is no entry fee for the Nature Center; just let any Nature Center staff know you are my guest.

For my birthday, I want (1) to see you, and (2) petting. That's ALL that I want. NO presents are required or requested.

For those of you who are NOT inclined to OBEY, I like donations of any amount (small, medium or large) to Idyllwild Animal Rescue Friends (ARF) so we can rescue more animals on the Hill.

Or ... a stuffed animal raccoon is also good as I chew up more than 20 of these a year. I can't help myself. They keep showing up, so I have to chew them!! In Idyllwild, I have chewed up stuffed animal raccoons from Wooley's, Idyllwild Gift Shop, and Bonnie's Happy Look.

Because I am on a restricted diet due to my health, dog biscuits actually upset my stomach. So even though I love them and I eat them whenever I get a chance, it is best if you do NOT bring me or feed me any dog biscuits! Thank you.

If it's snowing that day or has been snowing recently, bring your sleds and warm clothes if you would like to go sledding. The Nature Center has a nice area for sledding.

All children and adults both on and off the Hill are welcome to attend my birthday party.

Also, this is a dog-friendly event, so dog owners can bring their friendly dogs. Friendly dogs are welcome!

I love you very much, and I really want to see you at my birthday party. If you plan to attend, please let me know by calling me at 951.659.0283 and leaving me a message, or email me at max@mayormax.com. If you already have or will confirm via Facebook, that is sufficient. This helps me to know how much food and birthday cake to prepare for my party. Thank you.

Love always,
Mayor Max



Save the Date!

What:
Max's Birthday Party!
 When:
Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013,
from noon to 3 p.m.
 Where:
Idyllwild Nature Center,
25225 Hwy 243
 What to Bring:
Just your appetite!

Rea returns with a feature

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

“Nailbiter,” a horror film involving a tornado, 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 oddly compelling cookies?). Rea, who grew up in Nebraska, used his experience running from a tornado as a boy as inspiration for “Nailbiter.”

“I’ve been around tornadoes all my life,” Rea said. “When I was young, a friend and I were running from an approaching torna-



A production still from “Nailbiter” showing approach of the twister. COURTESY OF PATRICK REA



Patrick Rea

PHOTO COURTESY OF PATRICK REA

do and an elderly couple let us stay in their basement while it passed. That was the genesis for the script. This older couple was fine, but what if they hadn’t been?”

In Rea’s tale, a mother and three daughters fleeing an approaching tornado take refuge in a storm cellar in a nearby house. They think they are alone and that the house is abandoned. They aren’t and it isn’t.

From his boyhood, Rea has been fascinated with the horror genre. “When I was a kid I wasn’t supposed to be watching them, which made them way more interesting, kind of

the forbidden fruit aspect,” he recalled. Horror is Rea’s chosen genre. “But there are multiple genres within horror. ‘Get Off My Porch’ was comedic horror. Some like ‘Piranha’ are entirely parody.”

He said with “Nailbiter”

he wanted a more classic approach to building suspense. “There’s no quick flashy editing, it’s more old school, with a more classic score. The buckets of blood movies are not the kind I want to make. I believe that what you don’t see is



Director Patrick Rea at work on “Nailbiter.”

PHOTO COURTESY OF PATRICK REA

actually scarier. I wanted to keep some things cryptic.”

In a story repeated by a number of this year’s Idyllwild CinemaFest filmmakers, Rea recounted that filming was interrupted by the economic melt-down. “I wrote the script in 2007,” he said. “We started shooting in 2009 in Lawrence, Kan., then the economy tanked. We were 60 percent done then

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Zemeckis film examines vaudeville and the Hilton sisters

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Leslie Zemeckis, actor, writer, producer and director, is very much of this time with a successful professional career in the disciplines in which she works. But she is fascinated by a major part of American entertainment history that few people today remember — vaudeville. And that fascination has imbued her project and career choices.

As a producer, writer and director, Zemeckis brings her documentary “Bound by Flesh,” about the storied Siamese twins and vaudeville headliners Daisy and Violet Hilton to Idyllwild CinemaFest 2013.

Rea

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ran out of money. We had to come back in 2011 in post-production. Editing took a long time.”

A common interview question with directors is how they work with their actors. Some are collaborative, in which actors’ contributions, including script suggestions, are well received. Then there are others where the script and director’s vision control. Rea said he is of the collaborative school. “We’d rehearse scenes a lot, mostly during production, but some before,” he remembered. “We were constantly changing things. I’d ask them [the actors] how they might change dialogue to make it sound more natural.

Rea said the film started on the festival circuit in March 2012. It has already won best horror feature film at Shriekfest 2012 in Los Angeles. Next up for Rea, who has multiple short films to his credit, is a trio of shorts he plans for next year. “I like to do shorts between features. It keeps the horror community aware of what you’re doing. I also work with a lot of the same people and it keeps my group together.”

ICF 2013 Festival Chairman Phil Calderone said of Rea’s feature, “It’s a tense thriller that’s a lesson in how to build and sustain suspense. I think Hitchcock would approve.”

At one time in the 1920s and 30s the Hilton sisters were the highest paid act in vaudeville. They were also, through most of their career, the victims and virtual prisoners of unscrupulous managers. Zemeckis delves into the culture of vaudeville and how these two sisters, conjoined and never desirous of being separated, were a marquee brand, apparently rich and famous, but actually poor prisoners. She brings to life an art form and two of its stars that transfixed American audiences in the first half of the 20th century.

Vaudeville presented to family audiences “clean” variety entertainment, with an emphasis on comedy, but also featuring dancing, music, skits and shortened versions of theater classics.

In its 50-year heyday, over 25,000 performers trod the vaudeville boards. It was the spawning ground for many subsequently famous stage, movie and television stars: George Burns and Gracie Allen, W.C. Fields, Will Rogers, Judy Garland, Helen Hayes, Jack Benny, Sophie Tucker, Milton Berle and Bob Hope. “Vaudeville really entertained our country,” Zemeckis said, “and the story of the Hilton Sisters



Daisy and Violet Hilton. the famous vaudeville act, the Hilton Sisters, conjoined from birth and never separated.

PHOTO COURTESY OF LESLIE ZEMECKIS

as major headliners was a big part of vaudeville history.”

Zemeckis has a passion for those times. Her previous film “Behind the Burly Q” examined vaudeville’s more risqué cousin burlesque through interviews with many of the women who teased and titillated predominantly male audi-

ences with sexual innuendo and minimal costumes. At its base, as in vaudeville, burlesque also had a comic purpose, often poking fun at the reserved upper classes. “I got interested in burlesque and then talked to

all these women who had been in it,” Zemeckis said. “They had not talked to anybody [as part of interviews]. And it [burlesque] wasn’t just strippers, there were also variety acts. They were these bright happy girls.” Zemeckis said she was grateful to have caught them for the documentary, since many have now passed. “At least 12 I interviewed are now gone.”

And to complete the picture, actor and performer Zemeckis has her own tribute to burlesque. She sings, dances and raises audience eyebrows in her cabaret show “Staar,” an homage to the great women who established careers in the genre — inspired by the salty suggestive comedy of Mae West and the sexy elegance of Gypsy Rose Lee. Zemeckis’ immersion and interest in vaudeville and burlesque, the entertainment forms that dominated American entertainment in the early to mid 20th century, is not that of a dilettante. She finds the money, writes the script, walks the walk and can strut her stuff.

Zemeckis said she is



Leslie Zemeckis

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finishing up with the festival circuit for “Bound by Flesh.” “I’m looking forward to being In Idyllwild,” she said.

The book version of “Behind the Burly Q,” which she also wrote, comes out in early 2013.

Zemeckis is the wife of director Robert Zemeckis (“Forrest Gump,” “Cast Away,” “Contact,” “Back to the Future,” and from the current awards season, “Flight.”)

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this beetle once it is established in an area — no sprays, topical insecticides, or imported natural predator that might keep the beetle in check.

Just two months earlier, in September, CAL FIRE identified a zone of infestation in San Diego County. The purpose of the declaration was to educate the public that firewood from within this area should not be transported to uninfested areas.

Dr. Tom Scott, University of California Riverside natural research specialist and a lead activist in fighting oak borer spread, noted that debarked oak and oak cured for two years posed little risk, but that purchasers of firewood from commercial sellers should ask for a bill of sale that shows where the oak was sourced. Scott urged then that communities such as Idyllwild should seek county support for roadside signs that advise commercial firewood importers that only locally harvested wood is permitted for sale.

In November, CAL FIRE confirmed, from DNA analysis of larvae, the Goldspotted oak borer had arrived in Idyllwild. Within days, CAL FIRE crews cut the oak and removed the infested oak to quarantined areas of San Diego County.

At the final Mountain



Friends of the Idyllwild Library and Riverside County representatives attend a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Idyllwild library in the Strawberry Plaza. Front row: **Adele Voell, Bronwyn Jones, Teresa Brouwer, Bob Ferguson**; back row: Supervisor **Jeff Stone** and project manager **Natalia Brown**. PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Area Safety Taskforce meeting, fire and forest officials agreed to hold a town hall meeting from 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 19, at Idyllwild's Town Hall. At that session, they plan to educate the community on the conditions on the ground and the scope of the threat.

Idyllwild gets its new library

More than 10 years in the making, Idyllwild finally got its new library in 2012.

Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone and the Friends of the Idyllwild Library broke ground on Feb. 27 for the new library in Strawberry

Plaza and the opening ceremonies occurred Oct. 23.

Funded by federal Community Block Development Grants, the \$2.9 million remodel of the old Coronet building was not what the Friends had anticipated when they began raising money in 2000 for expansion of the former library building on Pine Crest. The result was much more than they had expected, according to Friends volunteers Adele Voell, Erin O'Neill and Bob Ferguson.

"I think it's amazing," O'Neill said, "... I love the

location and think we'll get a lot more use from a whole new group of library users."

Ferguson added, "This is so much more than we expected. Stone made the decision that it would be a reality and put all his influence and experience to work [to make it happen]."

In addition to the new library edifice, Idyllwild also got a new librarian, Shannon Houlihan Ng, who was hired in August as head librarian. The new library includes many technological features with which Ng is familiar including computerized checkout.

The new library's hours and days of operation have been extended from the originally planned 30 hours and a four-day week to 40 hours and six days. The Friends' \$32,500 contribution made this possible.

IFPD starts over with new chief

Finding a fire chief and watching the budget continued to dominate the time of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District's commission in 2012.

The year began following the abrupt Dec. 28, 2011, resignation of Chief Norm Walker, who resigned only 17 months after his appointment. Within weeks, the commission appointed Michael Sherman, the for-



In this October photo, Idyllwild School students form the figure "896" which is their predicted API score. This is the highest Idyllwild has achieved. The national and state goal is 800, which Idyllwild earned several years ago.

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mer Crest Forest Fire Department chief, as interim Idyllwild chief.

In May, the commission began its search for a new permanent chief and made its selection in July. At its August meeting, Patrick Reitz was sworn in as Idyllwild Fire's chief.

Reitz is the former fire

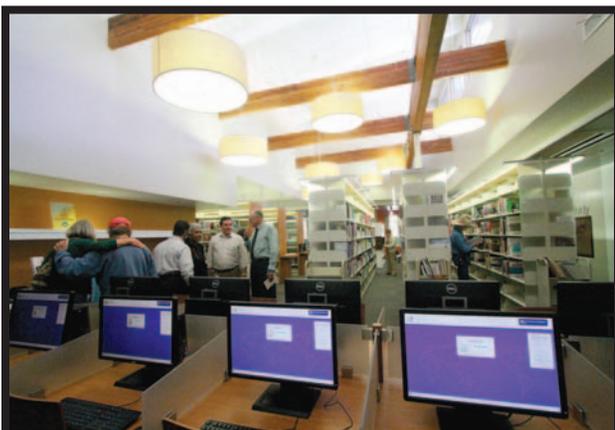
chief and emergency services director for the City of Sheridan, Wyo. He served as Sheridan Fire chief from August 2005 until February 2012.

Reitz, originally from eastern Ohio, the Akron area, has always wanted to be involved in public safety

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New IFPD Fire Chief **Patrick Reitz** (left), takes the oath of office from 3rd District Supervisor **Jeff Stone** (right). His significant other **Renée Arsenault** looks on during the swearing-in ceremony and later pinned Reitz's badge on his uniform. PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE



Computer stations in the lobby of the new library.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Idyllwild locals **Lee Arnson** and **Helene Lohr** (2nd and 3rd from left), part of the RMRU team, with Sheriff **Stan Sniff**. PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

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and protection. He began his service as a volunteer firefighter and then emergency medical technician and paramedic in 1989 as well as a year in law enforcement in Ohio. From there he migrated west, first to Washington, south to Oregon and then east to Wyoming.

Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone administered the oath to Reitz. Afterwards Stone welcomed Reitz to the Hill and in a "spirit of cooperation" offered the county's assistance to help him and IFPD succeed going forward.

Success will include reversing the district's continuing financial problem, expenses greater than revenue. In 2011, the district requested a \$450,000 advance of its December property tax revenue. 2012 began owing the Riverside County about \$200,000 on the advance, which was repaid in the spring.

IFPD is beginning 2013 in the same situation. In August the district made another advance request. This one was for \$425,000. The \$25,000 difference was a demonstration of the dis-



Fourth- and fifth-grade Idyllwild School students prepare for the first round of competition in January of 2012.

PHOTO BY HALIE JOHNSON



Vivaldi (Howard Shangraw) is teaching the wife of a French nobleman (Susan Hegarty) in the court of King Louis XV to play the violin in the Isis Theatre Company's performance of 'The Red Priest' in September.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SUZANNE AVALON

trict's improving financial strength, according to the commission when it approved the request letter on Reitz's first day as chief.

Career staff accepted a seven percent pay reduction, which the commission offset nearly half with a cost-of-living raise. And overtime costs grew during the summer and early fall months.

Fire Fee payments assessed, litigation begins

Although the much-opposed State Responsibility

Area Fire Prevention fee was enacted in 2011 when Gov. Jerry Brown unveiled his 2012-13 budget, he announced plans for spending \$50 million in the 2011-12 fiscal year and another \$84

million in the next fiscal year.

Nevertheless, the fee's popularity didn't improve in 2012. Legislators attempted to repeal it, modify it and

ignore it. By late summer, the state's Board of Equalization began sending bills to property owners throughout the state.

The arrival of these notices was the trigger for the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association to file a class action suit in Superior Court in Sacramento alleging the fee is really a tax and as a tax, the state legislature did not legally approve it.

The objective of the litigation is to invalidate the fee because it is really a tax, which required a two-thirds vote of both the California Senate and Assembly. If successful, nearly 825,000 hom-

owners, including many on the Hill, could be eligible for refunds.

HJTA recommends that property owners first pay the bill, then challenge it and claim a refund. "If you are late, steep penalties and interest are compounded monthly. Moreover, the fee is a lien on your property, and failure to pay can result in foreclosure," the HJTA website stresses.

To qualify for a refund you must have paid your bill and filed a "Petition for Redetermination" with the responsible agencies. When you pay your fee, HJTA recommends that you write "under protest" on the notation line of your check.

In March 2012, Republican lawmakers submitted a bill to repeal the fee. That was never approved. In May, Democratic Assemblyman Wesley Chesbro (AD 1, D - North Coast) submitted an amendment to the original legislation for a credit for fees paid to a local agency that provides fire protection services.

"Many property owners in SRAs have already agreed to assess themselves for fire protection and prevention services," Chesbro said in a press release. "Imposing a \$150 state fee on top of this means they pay double or triple for fire protection and

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Many took scopes and glasses to Inspiration Point Sunday evening, May 20, to catch the solar eclipse that created an eerie glow over the mountain.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Idyllwild School suffered the loss of six long-time teachers in June. Here (from left) are Holly Guntermann, Diane D'Arcy, Vic Scavarda and Iva Botton. Other retiring teachers were Joan Gray and Patty Carratello.

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The top sports photos of 2013

Emma Klingaman, Hemet High School, finished second overall in the May Power the Pinnacles mountain bike race at Lake Arrowhead. Emma helped lead her Hemet High School team to its third consecutive SoCal Cycling League team title.

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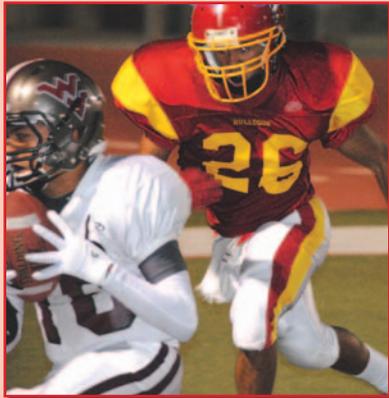
The annual Town Hall Youth Soccer season opened at the end of September. The Ninjas (red) and The Wolves (maroon and yellow) played a good game.

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Chloe Schelly works toward the net while her Idyllwild School girls volleyball teammates watch.

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Hemet High defensive back **Alex Sanborn** covers West Valley's receivers during an October game. Although leading at halftime, Hemet lost the game, 44-30.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE



While goalie **Sarai Esquivel** deflects the ball in an attempted score, Idyllwild's **Savanah Loutzenhiser** guards Hemet's goal during a March soccer match.

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Jeff Adams of Forest Lumber slides in safe at home plate. **Sandra McKimson** (left), catcher for Café Aroma, is a second too late for the tag during a Town Hall adult coed softball game in August.

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

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prevention services without any additional benefit.”

Chesbro's legislation won approval from the Assembly's Natural Resources Committee, but never was enacted.

Later that month, the California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) held two special meetings to receive public comment on its draft permanent regulation for the SRA fire fee.

Many made the point that local fire districts already impose taxes or fees for fire fighting and prevention. And

many of these local districts have created aggressive fire prevention programs,

Others argued that the proposed \$35 exemption is much lower than the local fire district collections. One person argued for a minimum exemption of \$75, while another said they pay the local district \$400 annually. Idyllwild has a special fee of \$65, plus a portion of the county property taxes.

In June, the board approved its regulations and in August, property owners began receiving the fee notification.

Although the Idyllwild Fire Protection District previ-

ously took no position against the fee at its public meetings, in November, the commission approved a resolution opposing the 17-month-old state fire prevention fee.

Apparently, the commission was reacting to numerous local residents and property owners who confused the state with the local fire jurisdiction.

Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz and commission members have encountered angry residents who wanted to know how IFPD planed to use these funds.

“Every day people complain,” he told the commission. And, “No one is seeing

any benefit and, in the last three months, they're complaining about 'our' fee,” Commissioner Jerry Buchanan said.

Local property owners have received the fee notifications and have paid it under protest. The Board of Equalization granted the \$35 exemption to properties in Pine Cove and Garner Valley because the county fire department serves as their local district.

Tough year for the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce

The year 2012 did not begin well for the Idyllwild

Chamber of Commerce. It continued in fits and starts with some highs and lows, and then ended inconclusively.

The Chamber met in February for the first time since December 2011 and was unable to muster a quorum. Consequently, no business could be conducted.

In March, it was reported that business membership had declined about one-third, from 125 in July 2011 to 82 in March. Not only did the number of active directors nearly fall by half, but checking account balances were one-quarter of what they had been six months earlier,

nearly \$800 compared to \$3,200 in October 2011. Then President Richmond Blake and Director JoAnn Slater announced they would leave the board in June at the end of their terms.

Even as the membership choose 10 directors in the May election, only eight accepted their directorship when their terms began in July.

In June, the Chamber agreed to take over full responsibility for managing the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, only to abdicate that role in October, one month before the

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The top nature photos of 2013



A sleepy mallard rests on log at Lake Fulmor. PHOTO BY BRUCE WATTS



A lone coyote cautiously visits a Mountain Center pond for a cool drink in July.

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Early morning in June, this mother doe was seen with her newborn triplets in Mountain Center.

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Bees and a butterfly feeding on goldenrod. PHOTO BY BRUCE WATTS



Spring was in the air and Easter on our minds in April, as two bunnies share a kiss in Mountain Center.

PHOTO BY BETHANY PULLIAM



A spotted owl was seen while locals were hiking in May in the San Jacinto Wilderness. PHOTO BY HOLLY OWENS



A three-story, 7,000-square-foot home on Howland St., Idyllwild, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night, April 11.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

On Tuesday, Feb. 21, the Mountain Quilters held a Quilts of Valor workshop. "We made 11 quilts, and have so far donated to the VA Hospital in La Jolla, 137 quilts to our returning servicemen and women," wrote Annamarie Padula.



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festival. Directors would cite the threat of a lawsuit from Harmony carver David Roy as the reason for the change.

The July dedication of "Harmony," created disharmony over questions of money allegedly due Roy for cosmetic work performed on his tree carving and Chamber's management

of the monument maintenance fund account. Previous Chamber president and attorney Ken Carlson wrote the Chamber requesting that Roy be paid for work he completed prior to the monument's dedication, although no contract between Roy or the Chamber for the work existed.

Carlson also questioned whether the Chamber had been appropriately managing monument maintenance

funds. Chamber records showed the reduction in the monument account occurred because of checks written to Roy. These disputes eventually grew into a lawsuit ostensibly filed by Roy in August.

When questioned by the Town Crier, Roy had said that Carlson was preparing all suit documents and it was really Carlson's lawsuit, not Roy's. The matter continues. And since the

Chamber under Carlson's previous presidency had let its directors' insurance lapse, the suit was filed against directors as individuals.

In October, facing the dual realities that Town Hall, to which the Chamber has long held the deed, needed major rehabilitation, and that the Chamber had no money to make improvements, the Chamber agreed to return ownership of the

building to the Johnson family, who have long held a reversionary interest, and who plan to deed the facility to the county.

In December, another officer, Vice President Lanny Hardy, resigned when he

closed his on-Hill business, The Creek House Restaurant.

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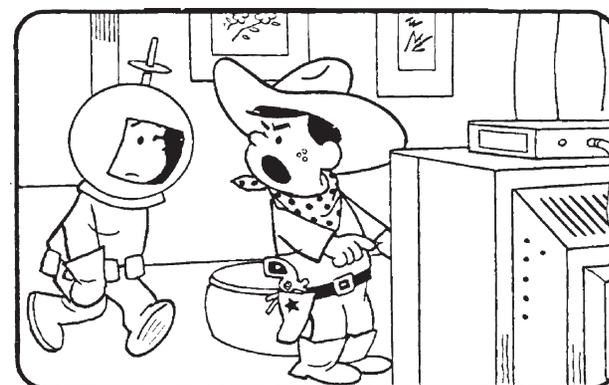
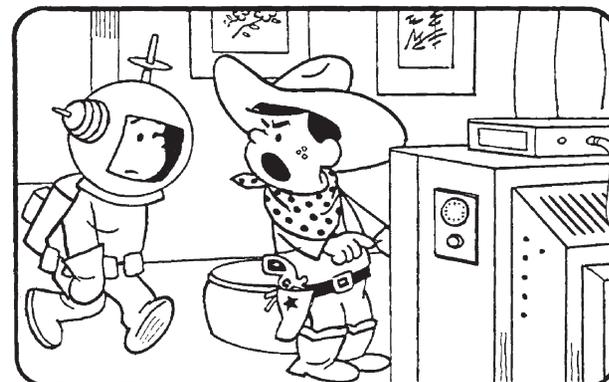
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HEC 1203808
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 880 NORTH STATE STREET, HEMET, CA 92543.

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.

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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Signed:
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 President

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

FILE NO.: I-2012-03066

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON NOV. 28, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO NOV. 28, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER CHARLES CLARK

Case No. PSP1200749
 See [Public Notices, page 22](#)

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be hurt by a colleague's harsh criticism. But don't let it shake your confidence in what you're trying to do. A more positive aspect starts to appear by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're torn between your sensible self and the part of you that enjoys acquiring lovely things. Best advice: Wait for an end-of-month sale, and then buy something wonderful.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your artistic side has practical applications this week, such as redecorating your home or redesigning your personal stationery. Whatever you do, someone special will like it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You could be drawn into a problem 'twixt friends or family members. Best bet: Ask the questions that go to the heart of the matter, then get them all together for a group hug.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As much as you love being the center of attention, your big Lion's heart impels you to share the spotlight with a colleague who helped you with that well-praised project.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your eagerness to act on a challenge is wisely tempered early in the week by a lack of necessary information. Things begin to clear up during the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship

you'd hoped would keep going seems to be going nowhere. Close it out and move on to a brighter romantic aspect just beginning to manifest itself.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Things don't go completely as planned this week. But enjoy the surprises, even if you have to adjust your schedule. Some of them could be quite delightful.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Making choices is usually easy for straight-shooting Archers. But a new development could deflect your aim. Try to put off decisions until you know more.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While part of you might prefer taking a more familiar path, let your more daring and — admit it — super-curious self see what the unexplored has to offer.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Those nasty types have slithered back under the rocks and present no more problems. Now's the time to move ahead on that promising new relationship.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new offer could clear up that lingering money problem. Also, a more confident attitude on your part might well help get that personal situation back on track.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of turning chaos into order. You're also generous with your help for those who seek it.

CROSSWORD

(Answers on previous page)

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ACROSS

- 1 Heights (Abbr.)
- 5 Madam's counterpart
- 8 Droops
- 12 Trust
- 14 Hint
- 15 Bribe
- 16 Unusual
- 17 Small barrel
- 18 The hot wings caused his downfall
- 20 Maximum
- 23 Winter precip
- 24 First man
- 25 Table tennis tools
- 28 Ottoman ruler
- 29 Indeed
- 30 Existed
- 32 VIP
- 34 Lima's land
- 35 Humor writer
- 36 High nest
- 37 Deli meat
- 40 Have debts
- 41 Advertisement
- 42 Close associate
- 47 Top-notch
- 48 DNA, on "CSI"
- 49 Burn somewhat
- 50 Upper House member (Abbr.)
- 51 TV host

DOWN

- 1 Noah's boat
- 2 Island me-

- 3 Pampering, for short
- 4 Himalayan region
- 5 Unforeseen problem
- 6 Former transp. agency
- 7 Arouse anew
- 8 Write sloppily
- 9 Winged
- 10 Mentor
- 11 Gets a glimpse of
- 13 Aid and -
- 19 Buffalo Bill's last name
- 20 Science work-room
- 21 Mid-month date
- 22 "Hold the -"
- 23 Finnish bath
- 25 Vows
- 26 Basin accessory
- 27 Hindu wrap
- 29 Expression
- 31 Take to court
- 33 Scanty
- 34 Cheated at hide-and-seek
- 36 Dumbstruck
- 37 Health resorts
- 38 Lotion additive
- 39 Moon goddess
- 40 Valhalla bigwig
- 43 "Got a Secret"
- 44 - moment
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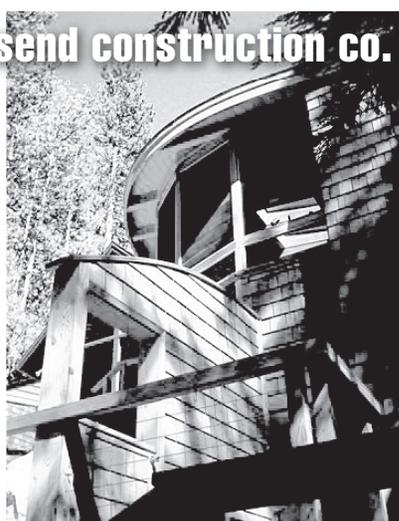



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The county board of supervisors found itself caught between advocates of the eastern route, which promised to cost 30% less, and Palm Canyon advocates from Palm Springs and especially Los Angeles, where most tourists would originate, and where a wealthy Chamber of Commerce could wield influence with the state.

One constituency nobody thought to consult was the Cahuilla Indians, whose reservation lands would have to be crossed both in Palm Canyon and on Vandeventer Flat. In the end they played the winning cards. The Agua Caliente Cahuilla band refused to grant a right-of-way up Palm Canyon, but only after the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce abruptly switched its support out of concern for potential traffic damage to the canyon's

scenic quality. A similar standoff over Vandeventer Flat with the Santa Rosa band was soon resolved through personal diplomacy by Win Wilson.

This cleared the way to complete construction from Keen Camp to the desert, giving rise to the official name "Pines to Palms." The gravel road opened in July 1932, but was not paved until 1937, when the state pitched in.

The saga produced other stories, such as Pinyon's development by Arthur Nightingale, who built the Sugarloaf Café, and Wilson Howell's Ribbonwood rest stop and rustic cabins, now supplanted by the failed Spring Crest resort development. But for those you'll have to consult Lech's book.

Bob Smith is a researcher and archivist with the Idyllwild Area Historical Society. He welcomes comments, questions, corrections, and suggested topics for this column at rbsmith9@greencafe.com.

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Public Notices

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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 decedent, 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
 & KRUSE LLP
 301 N LAKE AVE 10TH FLR
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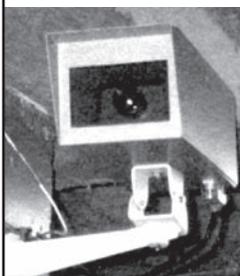
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Strange but true

Those who study such things say that the 15 most commonly used words in the English language are, in descending order: I, you, he, she, it, we, they, me, him, her, them, what, the, a and an.

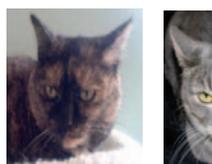
CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

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

New laws

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and other goods that do not contain cream or meat, which spoil.

The new law still requires homemade food producers to complete a food processor course, label their goods and be subject to inspections and registrations with county health departments.

Electronic wireless communications

This law allows California drivers to use hands-free technology to talk and text while driving. This will require the use of a device that is specifically designed and configured to allow voice-operated and hands-free operation to dictate, send or listen to a text-based communication. The device is required to also be used in a voice-operated, hands-free manner to be in compliance with the law.

Homeowner Bill of Rights

This is a set of six related bills. Two provide protections for borrowers and

homeowners, including a restriction on dual-track foreclosures, where a lender forecloses on a borrower despite being in discussions over a loan modification to save the home.

The bills also guarantee homeowners a single point of contact at their lender, with knowledge of their loan and direct access to decision makers.

In addition, homeowners may require loan servicers to document their right to foreclose. Homeowners will also have a clearly defined right to access the courts to protect themselves.

Recreational off-highway vehicles

Two laws were enacted affecting these vehicles. One (AB 1595) defines an off-highway motor vehicle to include a recreational off-highway vehicle and establishes additional requirements governing its safe operation.

The other law (AB 1266), which goes into effect July 1, 2013, prohibits a passenger in an ROV from riding in a seat location not designed and provided by the manufacturer. It also prohibits

Fire and Forest

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We have been among the most successful organizations in receiving money through CFSC over the years, so we can't very well feel too bad about not being funded this year. Overall the CFSC has been very generous to our mountain communities, and a great deal of grant money has been put to good use for fire safety.

Though this will mean less money for homeowner abatement, our educational work will continue throughout the year. Fortunately, we planned for this possibility by creating reserves and we will be able to continue our work and hope that we will win a grant for 2014.

The other negative was the appearance in Idyllwild of the Goldspotted oak borer. This beetle has decimated oaks in San Diego County over the last several years and everyone was hoping it would stay out of Riverside County. But with the discovery of an infested black oak right in the middle of town in November, we now know it is here, and we will have to act.

A town meeting to address the oak borer threat will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Idyllwild Town Hall.

Meanwhile, the beetle spreads through firewood, so please buy only locally cut firewood.

operation of the ROV if the passenger is not seated with both feet on the floorboard and able to grab the occupant handhold with the seat belt and shoulder belt or safety harness fastened.

License plates: obstruction or

alteration

This new law prevents the altering and positioning of license plates from its original markings and clarifies the penalty imposed for obscuring the readability of license plates.

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Standing in front of the famed Moulin Rouge in the Montmartre section of Paris, **Elaine Hoggan** shows off the Town Crier to fellow tourists.

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On New Year's Day, **Larry Edwards** and **Kevin Baat** enjoyed the Town Crier while touring a cotton field in Dothan, Ala.

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Town Crier around the world

During 2012, we published dozens of photographs of world travelers with a copy of the Town Crier. We are very proud to use these photos and to journey vicariously with all of these avid readers.

In 2012, these were the five most popular destinations for the Town Crier:

Location	# of photos
Italy	4 (twice from Pisa)
England	3
Costa Rica	2
Portugal	2
Scotland	2

Bora Bora was another location where one could read the Town Crier this year. The most popular domestic trips were five around California and four to New York. We look forward to circumnavigating the planet again in 2013. Many thanks to all of you ardent travelers.

Regulations

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Picketing at funerals

Senate Bill 661 makes picketing at funerals a misdemeanor, taking aim at a group that has waved signs at funerals of homosexuals, military members and federal judges.

Social media privacy

Also referred to as the "Facebook Password Law," this legislation now bans employers from asking job seekers and workers for user names and passwords on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and other social networking websites.

The legislation makes anything that's private on Facebook and other social networks none of employers' business. The law intends to stop California employers from checking social sites for protected data to screen job applicants and spy on employees. The legislation targets data deemed private in users' account settings.

Workplace religious freedom

The California Workplace Religious Freedom Law protects the right of workers and job applicants to wear religious clothing, hairstyles and accessories without fear of discrimination.

The legislation provides employment-related religious freedom protections for beards, turbans, hijabs, burkas, yarmulkes, crosses and other religious clothing, accessories and hairstyles.

Employers statewide will now be required by law to reasonably accommodate workers' religious beliefs or observances unless such accommodation would impose an "undue hardship" on employers.

The significant difficulty or expense comprising an "undue hardship" claimed by an employer must be verifiable.

Long-gun open carry ban

AB 1527, the new gun law, prohibits open carry of unloaded long guns, such as rifles and shotguns, in public places. This is a follow-up to last year's AB 144, which prohibited the open carry of unloaded handguns in public places.

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With much patience, **Emily Jakubac** shares the Town Crier with her horse **Noteworthy** after their successful competition at the Jingle Bell Hunter and Jumper show held at the Del Mar Horse Park in December. "Do you know how hard it is to get a horse to read a newspaper?" Emily asked.

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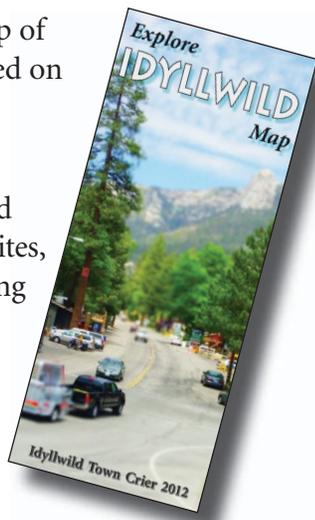
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