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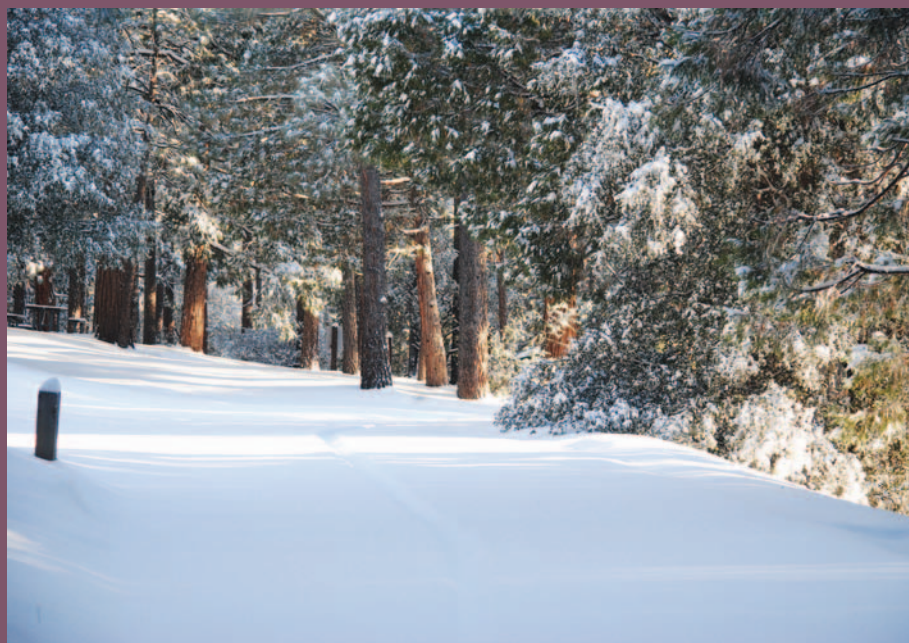


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THURS., FEBRUARY 14, 2013



Nearly 10 inches of snow fell on the Hill Friday, Feb. 8, according to the National Weather Service. Then Saturday morning, the sun shone in Idyllwild County Park. More snow pictures on [pages 12 and 13.](#)

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

Lyle takes helm of future community center

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

A significant step toward realizing the Idyllwild Community Center and the Butterfield Family Center was taken Monday, Feb. 11. The Mount San Jacinto Community Center board has been reformulated, as David Butterfield said last month.

The current members of the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council, the operational entity, under the legal umbrella of the MSJCC, appointed four new members — Janice Lyle, Bill Sanborn, Robert Priefer and Lois Butterfield. Current acting ICRC President Dawn Sonnier remains on



Janice Lyle, new chair of the Mount San Jacinto Community Center

PHOTO COURTESY OF JANICE LYLE

the board. The other ICRC directors then resigned.

The newly constituted [See Lyle, page 11](#)

Mayor's term extended

Mayor Max in office until July 2014

By MONK
SPECIAL CANINE
CORRESPONDENT

Residents of the mountain community of Idyllwild have spoken, and ARF's [Animal Rescue Friends] executive board has listened. By popular demand, Mayor Max's term of office has been extended for another year," Janice Murasko announced in an email Saturday.

Last week, the ARF board approached His Honor about extending his term of office another 12 months. After some deliberation and discussion with campaign manager Phyllis Mueller, Mayor Max agreed and "is very excited to have the opportunity to continue representing this beautiful mountain and its residents — dogs, cats, critters, and humans."



Mayor Max

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

On its Facebook page, ARF has received communications from dozens of humans on the Hill and far away asking whether Max would continue. Even the

Chicago Tribune has written about our Mayor, according to Murasko.

Prior to the session with ARF board, the mayor met with his Political Action Committee of Raccoons in Support of Mayor Max of Idyllwild (also known as the PAC-RACs), "We discussed in detail our plans for the Office of Mayor Max for the remainder of my term as Mayor of Idyllwild," he said.

In the next 18 months, Mayor Max will continue to promote Idyllwild and remain involved with community groups, personal visits and to do good deeds.

He plans to continue his outreach to thousands of CEOs in Southern California. "I didn't know how they would receive a communication from a canine mayor, and I was very happy [See Mayor, page 9](#)

Oak borer found in four more trees in Idyllwild

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Four more Goldspotted oak borer-infested trees have been identified in Idyllwild. When authorities identified the first infested tree here in November, they expressed hope that it was an isolated incident. Authorities no longer believe the outbreak is limited.

Since tree one was on Highway 243, it appears to have been almost certainly infested from firewood

transported from San Diego County and perhaps the imported firewood location was near the infested tree.

Trees two and three were identified on Jan. 19, one near Mountain Top Liquor and one at Town Hall. Last week, authorities identified four more infested trees. Three are along Highway 243 between tree one and tree two. The seventh tree, which CAL FIRE Forester Gregg Bratcher called a monster oak, 147 inches in diameter, is on private [See GSOB, page 10](#)

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Monday, Feb. 4 to 11, 2013:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

Feb. 6 — Medical aid, Marion View Drive, Idyllwild.

Feb. 6 — Medical aid, Tollgate Road, Idyllwild.

Feb. 6 — Walk-in medical aid.

Feb. 7 — Traffic collision, Highway 243 at Lake Fulmor.

Feb. 7 — Medical aid, Ridgeview Drive, Idyllwild.

Feb. 7 — Walk-in medical aid.

Feb. 8 — Medical aid, Highway 243 and Old Dump Road, Idyllwild.

Feb. 10 — Rescue, San Jacinto Road, Idyllwild.

Feb. 10 — Walk-in medical aid.

Feb. 11 — Medical aid, Baldy Road.

Feb. 11 — Medical aid, Saunders Meadow Road.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Feb. 4 — Structure fire, Yaw Road, Anza.

Feb. 5 — False alarm, Yaw Road, Anza.

Feb. 6 — Smoke check, South Ridge, Idyllwild.

Feb. 6 — Walk-in medical aid.

Feb. 7 — Traffic collision, Highway 243 at Lake Fulmor.

Feb. 8 — Structure fire, Aurora Lane, Anza.

Feb. 9 — Structure fire, Keyes Road, Poppet Flat.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

Feb. 4 — Structure fire, 58700 block of Yaw Road, Anza.

Feb. 5 — Structure fire, 58600 block of Yaw Road, Anza.

Feb. 8 — Structure fire, 37000 block of Aurora Lane, Anza.

Feb. 8 — Traffic collision, highways 243 and 74, Paradise Corner.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Report unavailable.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following calls from Thursday, Feb. 7 to Monday, Feb. 11. This

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Idyllwild residents Charles and Stephanie Johnston welcomed Jacob T. Johnston into the world as Idyllwild's first baby of 2013. Jacob made his debut at 4:35 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 27, at Desert Regional Hospital in Palm Springs.

Jacob weighed in at seven pounds, three ounces and measured 19 inches in length.

Jacob is Stephanie's first child. Father Charles has three children from a previous marriage.



The Johnstons have lived on the Hill for two and a half years as a couple.

Stephanie has lived here for seven years.

By becoming the first baby of 2013, Jacob will

receive gifts from local merchants. To be eligible for the Town Crier first baby contest, parents must reside full-time in Idyllwild, Pine Cove, Stone Creek, Mountain Center or Garner Valley; proof of residency must be shown; the attending physician must certify the exact time of birth; and the Town Crier must receive notification of the birth no later than 10 a.m. on the next business day after the birth.

Marshall Smith can be reached at marshall@towncrier.com

may not be a complete list of responses:

Feb. 7 — Solo, noninjury collision, Highway 243 south of Lake Fulmor.

Feb. 8 — Solo, noninjury motorcycle collision, Highway 243, south of Twin Pines Road.

Feb. 8 — Two-vehicle noninjury collision, Highway 243, north of Highway 74.

Feb. 8 — Two-vehicle noninjury collision on Highway 243, south of Saunders Meadow Road, Idyllwild.



The Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council conducted fuel abatement in Twin Pines last week. Pino Tree Service did the clearing, including removal of large piles of brush, on the steep mountain side below the dome house foundation. This was the site deaths of the Forest Service firefighters during the Esperanza Fire in 2006.

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Sheriff's log

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 2/14	Friday 2/15	Saturday 2/16	Sunday 2/17	Monday 2/18
61/35 Sunny.	62/37 Sunny.	63/36 Sunny.	61/34 Sunny.	59/34 Sunny.

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
2-4	63	34			53	28		
2-5	52	31			57	25		
2-6	na	na			55	28		
2-7	na	na			48	35		
2-8	59	27	.98	7.5	na	na		
2-9	na	na			na	na		
2-10	32	15			67	38		

Moisture in inches					Snow in inches			
To date this season (Idy): 10.11					To date this season (Idy): 17.1			
To date last season (Idy): 11.73					To date last season (Idy): 7.1			
Total last season (Idy): 20.01					Total last season (Idy): 42.1			
To date this season (PC): 15.11					To date this season (PC): 29			
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

Weather thou goest ...

They say that March can be the cruelest month, but in Idyllwild the same could be said about January, February and sometimes April.

Our recent pattern of spring-like weather followed by a deep freeze and snow makes for a bit of confusion when it comes to wardrobe and outdoor activity choices.

One day I'm at Lake Hemet in shorts and shirtsleeves and the next I'm at County Park dressed in full sub-zero freezing clothing waiting to shoot the sunrise. When the high temperature drops from 60 to 30 degrees in one day it can play havoc on the both the mind and body.

On Saturday, I had planned to go to Lake Hemet for the eagle count, but Friday's snowfall changed my mind about driving anywhere at all. So early Saturday morning, I walked to County Park and arrived just as the first rays of the sun found their way through the trees. The slanting beams turned the frosty ground into sparkling diamonds.

The sparkle seemed lost when translated into megapixels but I tried over and over to capture what the eye could see but the camera could not freeze in time. As often happens when you try and shoot something so fleeting, you see something else you missed.

In this case the "something else" was the glacier blue ice color in all the shadows not touched by the slanting sunbeams.

After doing a lap around the meadow, my knees were really bothering me. The cold and almost foot-deep snow caused my knees to ache. Once again, I began to feel the need to get in shape for summer.

I would like to do some short hikes in Joshua Tree when the wildflower season hits later this month and next.

First up on my list is hiking to the top of 5,458-foot summit of Ryan Mountain which has a 360° view of Joshua



Idyllwild County Park meadow surrounded by tall snowy trees and the mountain after Friday's storm.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

Tree National Park. Although it is only 3 miles round trip, a thousand-foot elevation gain in a mile and a half makes it a moderately difficult hike.

Although I am not much of a desert person, I think it is a really beautiful place to shoot when the wildflowers are in bloom, so I want to get to Anza-Borrego. I will have to do further research on what easy hikes are that way.

When spring rolls around and the game is afoot, as in hiking season, I don't want to have spent my entire winter being too "sedimentary, my dear Watson." At my age, if you don't keep moving you are more likely to come to a

LOLA'S KITCHEN

BY DOLORES SIZER

Seductive Valentine's Day treats ...

At first I was going to write a column about bread; but since this week is Valentine's Day I thought I would make this simple and sweet.

By sweet, I mean lovers' desserts.

To begin with I wish my husband John a happy Valentine's Day, wherever you are. I miss your warmth, love and humor. Sleep well.

When John and I first were married (way before he became ill and lost the ability to reason), he never forgot Valentine's Day. One year he brought home a 15-gallon pot loaded with blooming orchids.

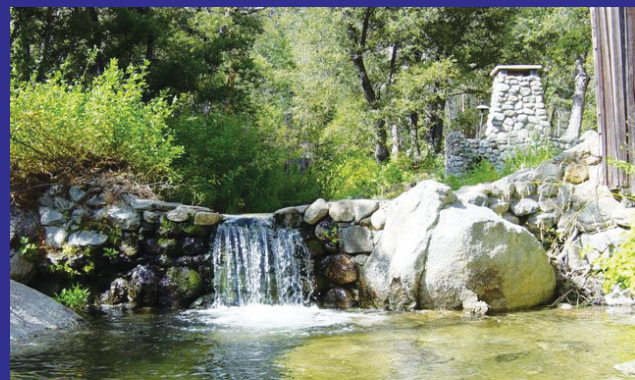
Another time he drove me to an Alfa Romeo dealership and bought me a brand new, off the showroom floor, red Alfa Romeo Spider, tan leather interior, black canvas top.

I love Valentine's Day.

This Valentine's Day I will spend the evening at Jo'An's Restaurant for cocktails and entertainment. Then home with a tub of Ben & Jerry's Chunky Monkey, watching TV in bed with my dog.

Now for the recipes, both visually beautiful; you will receive many compliments after presenting either dessert.

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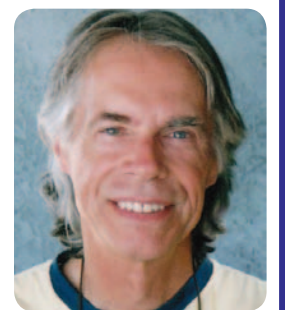


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Obituary — Elizabeth Courtney Haworth Windsong

Humanitarian. Writer. Poet. Artist. Activist. Idealist. Individual. Elizabeth lived in an elevated state of personal and spiritual awareness. An ever-faithful servant to a higher level of ideals, Elizabeth dedicated her life to sharing her gifts, assets and talents to help those in need. In all that she did, Elizabeth embodied the religious virtues of faith (in mankind), hope (for tomorrow) and charity (to the needy).

Elizabeth believed that all life was holy and all life was one. Elizabeth was as simple as she was complicated: A trusting soul but not a dummy; a helping hand but rarely a push-over; an angel with a pitchfork; a true and devout believer in Christ with an open and explorative mind; a social liberal but a stickler for conservatism and conservative values; never punctual but always right on time; try everything once, twice if she liked it; a wandering spirit with a need for a home. Elizabeth was as simple as she was complicated.

Born in 1940, Elizabeth passed peacefully in her son's home in 2013. Elizabeth was the daughter of Elsa Lanphier and John Courtney. She is survived by her sons David Haworth and Kilma Lattin; her daughters-in-law Beth Haworth and Season Marie Lattin; her grandchildren Tiffany Haworth, Nicolas Haworth



and Royce Lattin; and her great-granddaughter Kaylee. Elizabeth had a third son, Michael Haworth, who passed away in 2009. Elizabeth, a full-time resident of La Jolla, Calif., for over 60 years, graduated from La Jolla High School (class of 1958), San Diego State University and went on to attend the University of San Diego School of Law. She owned homes in both La Jolla and the vacation town of Idyllwild. Her favorite things in life were: Trivial Pursuit and Scrabble (in any form), music (of any culture, but particularly jazz and blues), playing musical instruments (autoharp, bass guitar and keyboard), surf and sunsets at Wind 'N Sea beach, and comedy (satirical comedy, she particularly loved Robin Williams and Garrison Keilor).

The surviving family would like to give a special thank you to all the friends and family for their outpouring of love and support for Elizabeth. We only ask that you say a prayer for Elizabeth, who undoubtedly will be with her friends and Christ in Heaven. We would like to thank Dr. Ryon Nakasone, who worked tirelessly with Elizabeth during her two-year battle with cancer.

Services will be in La Jolla, Calif. Call (619) 887-6275 for information regarding services.

Obituary Donald Ellis Moore

Donald Ellis Moore of Pine Cove died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013, in Yucaipa, Calif. He was 82 years old.

Donald was born in on March 18, 1931, in Fresno, Calif., to Leila Mae and Chester Moore. He served in the United States Air Force from 1950 to 1954. Donald was a Boy Scout and Eagle Scout. He attended the University of California, Riverside, where he majored in Physics. He worked as a aerospace engineer and project manager. Donald lived in Riverside, Redlands and finally Idyllwild, Calif.

He was a member of a barbershop quartet.

He is survived by wife Susan D. Moore of Idyllwild; son Stuart Griffey; daughters Ellen, Marjorie, Marilyn and Shannon; and 10 grandchildren.



American Legion Post 800 Commander **Ron Draper** (right) presented a plaque to Idyllwild Heating owner **Steve Holldber** (left) for donating the new furnace which



the Legion needed to fulfill its requirement as a Riverside County Warming Center. The plaque was presented during the Prime Rib Dinner Night Friday, Feb. 1. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

Idyllwild Warming Center available

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The Idyllwild Warming Center, located at and operated by American Legion Post 800, is available this winter, as it has been for the past two years.

Located at 54360 Mar-ian View Drive, the center opens, based on an existing activation protocol, when particular weather conditions occur. Those conditions are when an electrical outage affecting multiple homes in the Idyllwild area lasts longer than three hours, when

temperatures are 30 degrees or lower; and when temperatures are 20 degrees or below for a 24-hour period or longer.

The center operates under memoranda of understanding between the Legion, the Community Action Partnership of Riverside County and Mountain Disaster Preparedness. The Community Action Partnership is a non-profit that functions as a link with county government and provides certain types of assistance to county warming centers, including blankets, cots and certain consum-

ables such as hot chocolate and granola bars. Mountain Disaster Preparedness is a local volunteer emergency preparedness group with a large membership. Under the dual agreements, the Legion agrees to provide and maintain the center, MDP agrees to use its radio and email system to notify its network of IWC activation and opening, and CAP agrees to provide support as it does to other county warming and cooling centers. To be eligible under CAP criteria, the Legion, as a warming center, had to be generally accessible, have

more than one source of heat and/or a back-up generator, have Americans with Disabilities Act accessible entrance and restrooms and space for cots to be set up if conditions warranted.

Legion members Danny Richardson and Rick Foster are primary warming center contacts and are on the activation committee. Richardson noted the Legion is well-equipped to meet its warming center responsibilities when the center is activated, with wood for heating, cots, blankets and food and warm beverage items. Foster

can be reached at (951) 249-4702 and Richardson at (951) 659-8286 and 205-1627.

In that event, volunteers might also be needed to help staff and provide transportation for those unable to drive to the center. Contact

Warming Center Activation Committee Secretary Nancy Layton at (909) 225-5127 if interested in helping.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 14.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13

- 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).
- Mountain Area Safety Task-force (MAST), 1:30 p.m. Idyllwild National, 25225 Hwy. 243.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild

Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.

- Mountain Disaster Preparedness board meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- "This is This conversation," 6 p.m., Oma's European Bakery & Restaurant, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty
- MEMSCOMM, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- "One Billion Rising against violence towards women," noon to 1 p.m., Harmony Tree Monument, Village Center Dr., call (951) 659-4146 for information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Bridge, 12:30 p.m., Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pinecrest Av., Persons interested may show up or phone (951) 659-4910.
- Mile High Radio Club, 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, FEB. 15

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

SATURDAY, FEB. 16

- "Meditation: What are the real purposes and benefits for you?" with Dr. Renate Caine and Carol McClintic, 10 a.m.-noon.

Caine Learning Center, 54385 Pine Crest Ave.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Idyllwild Gay Potluck, 6 p.m. Email pinkiemeringue@yahoo.com for location.

SUNDAY, FEB. 17

- 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, FEB. 18

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty (619) 895-0934 for location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Fire Auxiliary initial and organizational meeting, 6 p.m., Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, meditation from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Loft in the

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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, FEB. 19

- Camp Alandale's Friends 4 Orphans, 10 a.m. 25420 Lodge Rd.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- RACES, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild

Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097 for information.
- Idyllwild Right to Life, 7 p.m. Call 659-5228 for location.

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- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m., Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m., Call 659-6049 for location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, See [Calendar, page 8](#)

Send in your questions for local experts

The Town Crier staff is working on the 2013 Homes and Land Improvement edition, which comes out on March 7. Like last year, we're asking readers to send in their questions for local service providers.

The best questions will be answered in an informative "Ask the Experts" feature. Questions can range from landscaping to roofing, chimney cleaning to plumbing. One example: "With the extreme highs and lows in temperature on the

Hill, my cement driveway cracks more and more every year. I'm ready to replace the cement, but want to know if you recommend an alternative material that is less susceptible to the extremes?"

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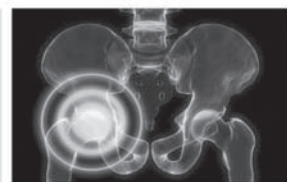
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READERS WRITE

Volunteers help in many ways

EDITOR:

Friday, Feb. 8, marked three years since Will Johnson, my husband and partner in life, and I were in a bad car accident at the beginning of our return to Idyllwild on Highway 74.

Suffice it to say, Will was in Desert Regional Hospital for three weeks, and I for six weeks, recovering from injuries. At home, we were like two children left to cope in the aftermath.

If it hadn't been for friends and the friends of friends who came out in what seemed like multitudes, we would have had to spend our recovery "off the Hill" in a rehabilitation facility.

So many people volunteered to bring us dinners that one person needed to volunteer as a scheduler.

Another friend came three times a week to attend to my personal needs, as I was helpless, wearing what is lovingly called a halo, which encased and immobilized my head and neck for three months.

Friends not only brought meals, but stayed to eat with us and brought us the outside world we so sorely needed.

Local Color came and serenaded us. Another person "baby-sat" me when Will had medical appointments.

A myriad of little and large things that we couldn't do for ourselves, including taking care of our dog, who received a lovely long vacation, courtesy of Doug and Scott, owners of Mountain Harvest (who even brought Larkin to the hospital to visit me).

The point I wish to make is that volunteers in Idyllwild come in many forms. Not all of us participate in helping by attending meetings and/or sitting on community boards. Many of us support organizations with time and money that are even outside of the confines of Idyllwild.

Some of us volunteer the way that we were served when our needs were great: people just simply came to our aid.

As we age here, such help as Will and I received under dire circumstances

will become more vital to helping to maintain our independence as elder folk here on the Hill.

With this letter, I acknowledge the beginning of our fourth bonus year and am grateful to everyone who touched our lives in large and small ways through that long first year of my recovery.

LOREL CORNMAN
IDYLLWILD

A consequence of a gun culture?

EDITOR:

We all came to her house. The sight of dried blood stains unavoidable on the street where she bled out and died. Where they all bled out and died.

So many tears.

We, her sisters and brother stayed in her now silent home. All around reminders of the vibrant life so recently lived.

Her garden gloves on the back step. The clearing in the blackberry patch. The unopened bag of potatoes in the pantry. The welcoming colors of the newly planted driftwood and rock flower garden at the front door.

We slept in the beds, ate her food, looked at the carefully selected artwork on the walls, fingered the books and art supplies.

Gathered around the kitchen table, "Whose jacket is this?" The brown leather jacket hung on the chair, its back to the door to the garage. An innocent question.

But it did not belong to any of us. Certainly it was not hers. Reaching into the left pocket. A crumpled receipt. On it, the name of the gun shop, the description of the pistol grip shotgun, the date and the price; bought the night of the shooting.

Anger erupts, fear palpable in handling the receipt, holding the receipt as though the killer could reappear in sweaty desperation, molecules reforming to engulf us.

What's this? In the other pocket, an unopened, undelivered Hallmark card.

A cute puppy on the front. Inside, the pleading of a grief-stricken soul. "I made a terrible mistake. Forgive me. I am so sorry. Come back to me. We will make the life together we

had planned. Do not tell my mother what I did. It was the drugs. My back hurt. I lost my job. Do not tell my mother. It would kill her."

On one side, an apology.

On the other, a gun.

What influenced the decision? What compelled him to take my sister's life, the life of my niece, his fiancée; and in the end, his own? What made him choose the gun over the words of love in the card?

A clue is in the words of our then president. Words that resound in my head louder and louder as the years pass.

"We're gonna shoot first and ask questions later."

It is not so simple. We all grew up seeing, hearing, re-enacting the legends of the West.

Is this the culture in which we want to raise our children?

Can we change this aspect of our culture? Do we really want to?

"Go ahead. Make my day."

DORIS JEAN LOMBARD
MOUNTAIN CENTER

Bobcats and foxes: predators?

EDITOR:

I can't understand why the California Department of Fish and Wildlife wants to kill bobcats and foxes.

They will be offering classes to do just that next month.

As far as I know, neither bobcats nor foxes present a threat to humans and their numbers are actually declining, so why is the Department of Fish and Wildlife offering workshops in how to best kill these animals in the San Jacinto Mountains?

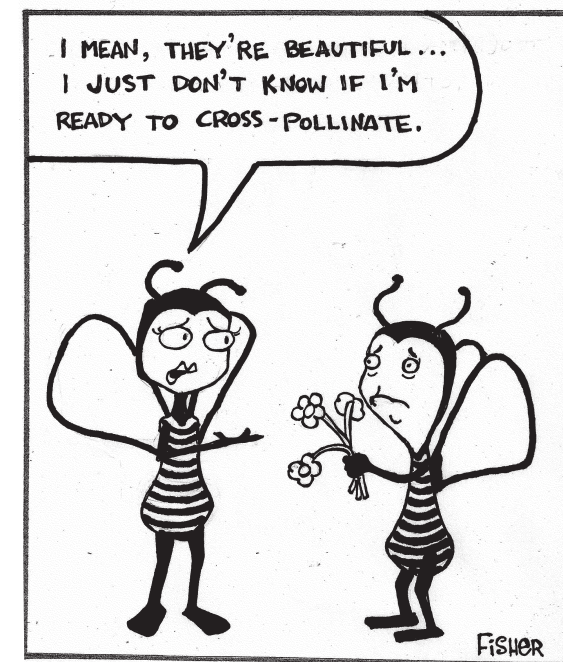
These workshops will start next month. It seems to me that this kind of nonsense and waste of resources never ends.

THOMAS R. TEFFT
PALM DESERT

Editor's note: The clinic to which Mr. Tefft refers is scheduled for Feb. 16 at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Registration forms are available at www.dfg.ca.gov/hunted/advanced/predatorhunting.aspx. A contact is Lt. Dan Lehman, CDFW Hunter Education Program, (916) 358-4356.

Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



Fun in the snow

Omigosh, it's snowing — look at it fall
Let's have some fun, let's have a ball
What do you think, how long will it last
Maybe a week, but it melts kinda fast
Let's make a snowman, a carrot for a nose
And let's make him tall in a wonderful pose

Perhaps he'll win some kind of a prize
Maybe because of his wonderful size

We'll begin at the bottom with a big ball of snow
Then we'll add to it and watch him just grow
Others will watch us and be full of wonder
As we keep on building, making him rounder

After we're done we'll stand back and we'll smile
We've just had more fun than we've had in awhile

BEN KILLINGSWORTH
IDYLLWILD

Trivia test

Geography: What South American country lies
between Colombia and Peru?

Answer: Ecuador

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RENATE'S THOUGHTS

BY RENATE CAINE, PH.D.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL
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INSTITUTE, IDYLLWILD

Teaching for the Information Age ...

In my last column I spoke about what we call Natural Learning. It's the way in which all of us naturally make sense of experience and develop new capacities to act in life.

We at the Natural Learning Institute spell out this process in terms of simple steps that provide a wonderful guide for great teaching.

Let's recap those steps and how they work in your own life:

- **Learning begins when you become curious about something or have a problem to solve.**

- **The next thing you do is to formulate questions** such as "How does that happen?" "What do I need or have or do?" "What do I need to know?"

- **You more or less naturally search for an expert or source of information.** For example, "Who can teach me or show me?" "Who can tell me what I need?" "What does it take to do this?"

- **If developing a new skill is needed, you engage in mindful practice.** This is not rote memory. Rather, it is practice, often guided by a coach, in which you pay attention to what you are doing for the purpose of improving skills you need.

- **You apply or implement what you have learned.** You use what you have been learning. That means you present



your new knowledge or information to others, organize it in a new way, or use it and apply it.

Good teachers help you do this. They challenge your thinking and support your attempts and trials. They may answer your specific questions, but because this kind of learning is not limited to tests or the right answer, any answers they provide focus more on your goal and required outcomes.

- **You get feedback.** You find out from others (other experts including teachers), or from the results you get from using and applying what you have been learning. These others evaluate your skills but they don't judge you in ways that suggest that somehow you are not capable.

Of course, it's not as linear as this. Each step may be included in other steps and there will be many repetitions of the cycle. Each cycle is focused on how you can become better.

Sounds idealistic, doesn't it? But this way of learning is natural and good coaches, experts, creative people, or artists all learn this way. And video games, health programs, sales or marketing experts all use this approach.

The question we should all ask ourselves is "How can this approach be applied to learning math, reading, biology, history and chemistry?"

Can learning those subjects in school really begin with an important question, quest or problem instead of a number of facts and memorized content? Can teachers really begin with an experience that leads to a desire for answers? Instead of telling students the facts first, can teachers allow students to ask their own unique questions about a subject?

One reason why this does not happen in school is that most teachers can't allow students to work on questions they (the students) care about. I can remember being

scared to death as a young teacher of those students who I knew would ask questions I might not be able to answer. I therefore had to control all the information and decide what day and the order in which things were "taught." Not doing this felt like I wasn't doing my job.

But today we have Google. And Google is finally making it as plain as daylight that even experts don't know it all and, in fact, it is vital for people to be able to find things out on their own.

Recently, while accompanying a friend to a hospital for an X-ray to determine if she needed a particular procedure, I sat next to a young man.

I briefly described my friend's problem. He explained that after his own daughter had been diagnosed with diabetes, Google became his best friend. He, like many of us, heads for Google or Wikipedia or an online discussion group or expert in order to find answers that can help us.

My friend's X-rays proved that what the doctor had suspected was not true. The young man sitting next to me then ended up telling me to get an over-the-counter medicine he had found after researching a similar situation. And sure enough, his solution worked for my friend.

I am certainly not suggesting that we self-diagnose this way, but the point is that today kids of all ages can find many answers and a vast amount of information online. And knowing how to research this way is an essential life skill that should be taught in school.

Students needing to understand the scientific methods will master it much faster when they themselves have to determine the symptoms of diabetes because perhaps their brother has it, or how friction works to wear out a bike

See *Renate*, page 28

OFF THE MAIN ROADS

BY HELENE LOHR, RMRU MEMBER

Survival steps for your gear ...

For most hikers, winter spells the end of the hiking season until the spring thaw brings us back out from our caves.

But wait, before you hunker down by the fireplace with a good book, take just a little time out to make sure you put away your gear properly so that it'll be there for you for many seasons to come.

Here are five quick steps you can take to prolong the lifespan of your valuable outdoor gear. Don't wait until spring to tackle these changes — grab this list and go to your gear closet now.

1. **Rewaterproof your raingear** at the start of every hiking season. This maintenance will keep the outside environment from penetrating under the surface at inconvenient times.

The standard waterproof coating will degrade over time, allowing more condensation buildup, and eventually just soaking right through even after a light rain. Look for something like NikWax.

2. **Store your sleeping bag uncompressed.** You can keep



it in breathable cotton, mesh, or canvas stuff sacks placed on shelves, hung in the closet or just spread out in the spare room across the bed.

Storing your bag compressed, although a space saver, will eventually ruin the insulating capacity of your sleeping bag. The pressure crushes down feathers and breaks synthetic fibers, reducing their ability to trap air and thus keep you warm.

3. **Dry it out.** Hang your expensive sleeping bags and tents to dry inside-out after every trip. Cutting down on any moisture will decrease the growth of mildew during storage.

4. **Combat mold.** Uncap water bottles and open up hydration bladders when not in use. Free air flow will prevent moisture from being trapped inside and developing a nasty case of mold.


Take it from me, forgetting your water bladder for several weeks after a trip in the depths of your backpack in generally

not a great idea.

If you really want to combat mold, try storing your hydration bladders and tubes in your refrigerator. The cold air will slow down the mold that infiltrates hard-to-clean nooks of the bladders and tubes.

5. **Preserve your power.** Keep your battery-powered goodies and any extra batteries in a cool, dry spot. Extreme heat (much more than cold) will drain batteries quicker than a vampire convention at a blood bank.

There's nothing like fumbling in the dark for "fresh" batteries to replace your headlamp, only to discover that they aren't so fresh after all.



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Sheriff Sniff opposes Feinstein proposed assault weapon ban

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Earlier this month, Riverside County Sheriff Stan Sniff wrote to California Senator Dianne Feinstein and stated that he opposed gun legislation she is proposing. Sniff noted that he does not enforce federal gun control laws, but said he wanted Feinstein to know, from a law enforcement perspective, why the law does not work as presently drafted.

Sniff allows that there are legitimate reasons for banning or restricting certain types of automatic weapons from civilians' possession, but that the approach Feinstein is taking is overly broad. In his Feb. 1 letter, Sniff objected to the proposed ban on weapons that have long been in legitimate use for hunting, competition and sporting purposes for generations of Americans, for over a century.

Sniff said his problem with Feinstein's "Assault Weapons Ban of 2013" is the overly broad focus on what he calls cosmetic features that can be added to an assault weapon's basic platform. He acknowledges some of those features could be banned or regulated as appropriate only for law enforcement or military use. But he noted the basic platform, of say the AR-15, is widely customizable for legitimate and currently legal

use without adding additional cosmetic features that could elevate the rifle's purpose to one for law enforcement or military purpose, to be used only by those organizations, but not by civilians.

Sniff believes Feinstein's bill does not acknowledge the distinction between rifles customized for military as opposed to civilian use. Consequently, if passed, the legislation would result in the wholesale prohibition of guns with longstanding legitimate civilian use, according to Sniff. He believes the prohibitions are too wide-sweeping, and fail to differentiate between what is clearly a military rifle, customized to be effective for battlefield use, and the same platform customized for legal civilian use.

Sniff made the analogy that a formula racecar shell can be very different from an identical shell with more high-powered and different technological components.

Sniff makes an interesting distinction in his letter, noting that rural areas, like the Hill, that are far removed from law enforcement have different needs. He states, "It would seem that same self-defense use for our citizens, not in law enforcement, in much of our nation's rural areas, should also be part of their inherent right pursuant to the Second Amendment. In this same

fashion, some of the shotguns you seek to ban are used by our officers and should also be available to citizens for hunting, recreation and self-defense as well. Again the cosmetic attributes seem to be the defining criteria."

Sniff suggested legislators should distinguish between what an assault rifle looks like and what it does or is capable of doing. "I think it's always important to weigh out what is reasonable," said Sniff. "I'll look at each restriction and if it makes sense I'll enforce it."

The Second Amendment has long had advocates citing very different interpretations. It is the only amendment to have its own preamble that refers to the right for citizen militias to arm. The

key question in this amendment that is often faulted for its ambiguity is whether the drafters intended the right to bear arms be limited to state militias. The amendment was drafted prior to the formation of a national army, and the mention of militias was designed, in part, to keep the federal government from running roughshod over the rights of the states and citizens.

For many years, until 2008, the Supreme Court interpreted the amendment favoring the militia interpretation. But in a 2008 case, District of Columbia v. Heller, Justice Scalia writing for the majority, focused on the second clause, after the preamble, which states, "the right of the people to keep and bear arms

board meeting, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

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

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- 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.

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

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

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

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

- Idyllwild Water District

shall not be infringed." Even though Scalia sees the broader right, what is not clear in the wording is whether the drafters meant "people" as individuals, or "people" in the collective as participants in armed militias.

Scalia argued that "people" meant individuals and the Second Amendment granted citizens the right to bear arms for self-defense and

other legitimate purposes, not related to militias. But even in the Heller decision there are exceptions that allow bans for certain guns that don't have legitimate civilian purpose.

California already has in place restrictive assault weapon and other gun controls.

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The new Idyllwild Fire Department Auxiliary selected a temporary board at the Feb. 4 meeting. The new temporary officers are (from left) **Charlie Wix** (president), **Christina Edwards** (vice president), **Nancy Layton** (treasurer), **Rick Foster** (secretary) and advisor to the group, Fire Chief **Patrick Reitz**. One of the first steps will be setting up the incorporation of the group.

PHOTO BY BARBARA REESE

Fire Auxiliary selects first officers

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The nascent Idyllwild Fire Auxiliary held its second meeting and selected temporary officers. Charles Wix agreed to serve as president. The other officers are Christina Edwards, vice president, Rick Foster, secretary, and Nancy Layton is the treasurer.

The group devoted time to reviewing a draft of the articles of incorporation and discussing possible Auxiliary projects. One

of the first steps will be opening a bank account for funds to buy materials and supplies to complete projects, Layton said.

The turn out (about 17 or 18 people) for the group's second session was good, according to Layton. Fire Chief Patrick Reitz said he continues to meet people in town who want to learn more about the Auxiliary and its role. "The increased interest is really exciting," he said in a telephone interview.

The next meeting will

Idyllwild Post Office open and will stay open

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Idyllwild's Saturday postal service will remain unaffected despite last week's U.S. Postal Service announcement of plans to discontinue Satur-

day mail delivery beginning Saturday, Aug. 5, 2013.

Mail will still be placed in Hill post office boxes on Saturday, said Idyllwild Postmaster Kelly Gates. As with the rest of the country, package delivery will also still be

available on Saturdays.

Ending Saturday mail delivery will save money by eliminating letter carrier rounds on Saturday after the August closure implementation. "Idyllwild is what is called a post office box retail outlet," Gates said. No letter carrier delivery occurs on any day. "So our Saturday delivery will be unaffected," she emphasized.

Saturday delivery of mail by letter carriers has twice been suspended in the past — in 1947 in some cities and nationwide in 1957, both times because of budget issues.

Also as part of its cost savings plans, the U.S. Postal Service has announced it would close a number of its processing plants and reduce hours and staff at

some smaller outlets. Don Smeraldi, manager corporate communication for the USPS Pacific Region, said that there are no scheduled hours or staff reductions planned for any Southern California post offices. That includes Idyllwild. Smeraldi said the only drawdowns planned are in Northern California.

So, Idyllwild Post Office is not in danger of being closed under the USPS budget measures and Saturday mail delivery to post office boxes will continue uninterrupted after Aug. 5. One change, said Smeraldi, is that mail deposited on Saturday at the Idyllwild Post Office would not go out until the following Monday.

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Idyllwild Postmaster **Kelly Gates** at her front counter.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

be 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, at the fire department. One of the topics will be a discussion of actions needed to begin some of the potential projects at the station.

"Once we get through

the organizational stuff, we'll get to go to projects," Reitz affirmed. He expects that work to begin in early spring.

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Idyllwild Post Office exterior.

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Mayor

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to see that it was even more welcome than a communication from a human," he said proudly.

After the board offered to extend the term a year, the mayor was thrilled and barked a great deal, Mueller said.

His first seven months have been wonderful. "The more work I do as the mayor, the more I want to do, so this is an expanding role," he said.

Mayor Max has taken on

many roles during his brief tenure. Besides being an ambassador to the world, he has also focused on local activities. Recently, he has spent time visiting many ill people on the Hill and trying to cheer them up.

Another high point was the November Tree Lighting Ceremony. "I loved that everyone loved it and said it was the best. I totally enjoyed being with the paparazzi for a few hours. I somehow get exhilarated when people are petting me and admiring me," he said.

And of course, his birthday party last month was

an important milestone.

The mayor's health has been restored after a heart operation this fall. "I have recovered, and this has given me some more time. I hope it's a long time, but we appreciate every moment and try to live in the moment," he said happily. "So all is well no matter the outcome. I love Idyllwild so much and all its people. I cannot convey how entirely grateful I am for this opportunity, and I will do my best to be a good Mayor for as long as I shall ... have the post."

The next mayoralty elec-

tion will be May 2014, according to Murasko, who added, "aspiring mayors and council members, your opportunity to throw your hat into the ring will come your way in May 2014, when nominations will open and Mayor Max will move on to a well-earned retirement."

The mayor was chosen in a landslide vote last June, which was a big fundraiser for ARF. Instead of another boring election with all the campaign flyers, signs and commercials, Mayor Max and ARF are planning a stupendous Pet Expo on

July 13 as an alternative fundraiser this year, which is expected to be as big as the 2013 election, Murasko said.

While the date overlaps

with the Fourth Lemon Lily Festival, Murasko believes the two events will be complementary.

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CSA 36 board placed in deep freeze

No plans to revive advisory committee



Bob Schraff, CSA 36 Advisory Committee chairman.

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BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

County Service Area 36 Advisory Committee Chair Bob Schraff resigned from the committee on Wednesday, Feb. 6, leaving the board with only one regularly attending member, Reba Coulter. The office of 3rd District Supervisors Jeff Stone says there are no current plans to fill the

committee. Both Schraff and committee member Mike Frietas, who seldom attended meetings, cited the pointlessness of having an oversight board with nothing to review, now that the county has taken over the CSA recreation program.

"First, with only three members on a five-member board, any absence of one of the three make a

quorum impossible," Schraff said, "and that has been the case for most of the recent months."

The CSA advisory committee is supposed to function as the "eyes and ears" of the supervisor to ensure that the recreation and street light programs are running as they should and spending of local tax money is properly accounted for. "Now that the

county has taken over recreation, there is no oversight or need for oversight," Schraff said. "What happens is what Bill Brown [CSA operations manager] puts forward. The way I look at it is, right now CSA 36 Advisory Committee is responsible for three street lights."

Schraff expressed frustration, shared by the committee, about receiving little or

no substantive information from the county's Economic Development Agency, including regular financial reports. Without that information, they have nothing to review or report back to the supervisor about, Schraff said.

"We've also heard nothing about the [promised] community gardens or the senior center," he said.

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GSOB

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property on Marian View Drive, and was identified by an Edison employee.

At this point, although Dr. Tom Coleman, U.S. Forest Service entomologist and lead Goldspotted oak borer scientist, has begun to talk about insecticides, both topical and systemic. Those candidate insecticides have never been used in the field against California Goldspotted oak borer. If used, application costs would not be small, and results could be short-lived, long-lasting or ineffective, depending on success of application methods. Another potential control agent, importing a Goldspotted oak borer predator from Arizona where this particular oak borer is native, waits years of scientific trial and investigation to ensure the importation would be effective



GSOB volunteers gather around an infected tree during Tuesday's training.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

tive and have no unintended consequences.

At present, the surest way to stop the insect's spread is to remove and grind the tree, tarp the firewood (using window screen that won't deteriorate with the elements), or debark the firewood and arrange to have the bark taken to the grinding station.

Removal stops spread, but removal is also expensive, depending on the size of the tree, location near a

home, camp or park. And should the Idyllwild outbreak grow to the extent of the catastrophic bark beetle crisis in the early part of the last decade, the issue becomes for public and private landowners, who would bear costs of removal?

Bratcher said he is working on obtaining county grants

that could assist private landowners, much like the Forest Care program has helped thin parcels. He also mentioned that Southern California Edison, much as it did during the bark beetle emergency, could remove infested trees that threaten its power lines, although that has not yet been agreed with SCE.

CAL FIRE, University of California, Riverside, and the Forest Service are conducting field exercises to train professional responders, public agencies, volunteer groups and private citizens on how to spot Goldspotted oak borer infestation in Hill oaks.

On Tuesday Feb. 5, Bratcher, UCR GSOB Program Coordinator Kevin Turner, and Dr. Tom Scott, UCR GSOB scientist conducted a field training for about 30

members of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council's Woodies, the Idyllwild Garden Club, and some CAL FIRE personnel in a two-hour spotting exercise. By spring, CAL FIRE wants as many citizen-scientists on the ground in the Idyllwild area as possible to assist in GSOB tree identification. Spring is when a larger outbreak is likely to occur.

If anyone has a tree that they feel looks as if it could be infested, call the new GSOB Hot Line at the Resource Center on Franklin Drive. That number is (951) 659-8328. Bratcher stressed that all potential oak borer calls must come to the Resource Center number, so that they are logged in. "We need to have a protocol and stick to it," he said. "Go through the

mechanism, the GSOB line."

Volunteers for citizen scientist GSOB training, to act and report as civilian spotters, should call the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council at (659) 659-6208. CAL FIRE has smartphone apps that could be used by field personnel to identify the oak borer infestation.

Many in the Tuesday training discovered how hard it is to identify the "D" shaped GSOB exit holes in Hill black oak. Scott explained that the trees most affected in San Diego County are not black oak, and the exit holes are larger and easier to spot. In black oak, with darker bark striations, the smaller holes are harder to see.

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April 11th
Rainbow Inn "Georges Seurat" by Ken Young co-sponsored by Friends of the Library

May 16th
Silver Pines Lodge "Importance of Local Native Plants in Nature and in Your Garden"
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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Mrs. Connie Chavez, 2nd grade teacher at Idyllwild School, is proud to nominate **Nayla Lopez** (left) and **Victoria Lovett** as students of the week for Feb. 11. Chavez stated: "My two students have proven to be great academic students both in reading and in math. They strive hard to always do their very best. They are great Peace Builders and role models."

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

Principal Kraemer honored



Idyllwild School Principal **Matt Kraemer** accepted two awards at the Hemet Unified School District Trustees' meeting on Tuesday night, Feb. 5. One is the Governing Board Academic Achievement Award for the third year in a row and the other was the Attendance Award.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Lyle

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MSJCC chose Lyle as its chairperson and Sanborn as vice chair. The secretary will be Sonnier and Priefer will handle the treasurer's duties, while Butterfield serves as member-at-large.

The MSJCC will have two subordinate committees, Lyle said. The former ICRC group becomes the Programs and Activities Committee and the former ICC group becomes the Building, Fundraising

and Capital Improvement Committee.

"I'm delighted," said Lyle, who is executive director of Sunnylands in Rancho Mirage. "I think I can bring a series of management skill sets to help move the project forward."

Moving forward, the MSJCC plans professional oversight. Lyle said she hopes it will be clear to the community who's responsible and that accountability sits with the five MSJCC members. Overtime, and as the committee's financial resources

grow, Lyle expects to develop a stronger and more public financial structure to ensure fund accountability, such as identification of restricted funds, donations and operating funds.

In the next few months, efforts will focus on revising the bylaws and developing policies and procedures, which the committee will submit to the state as a non-profit organization. These procedural steps will begin engendering credibility within the community, said Chris Trout, MSJCC spokesperson.

Eventually, she expects MSJCC to hire staff for fundraising and operating the facility.

Lyle, an art historian, is the former executive director of the Palm Springs Art

Museum. She has also served on the boards of many other organizations. She has been president of the California Association of Museums and the Palm Springs Library.

"I've been on both sides. In the early 2000s, I worked really hard at the Association of Museums to change the entire governance structure to create a vibrant organization," she said.

In 2001, Walter and Lenore Annenberg established The Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands to "address serious issues facing the nation and the world community." Lyle has been at Sunnylands since 2008.

The trustees and staff at Sunnylands have created what the Annenbergs envisioned: a 200-acre estate and historic residence that

provides a place of tranquility and hospitality where national and international leaders from a range of fields — beginning with the President of the United States — may convene to "promote world peace and facilitate international agreement." During Lyle's time, she has overseen the construction of the 17,000 square foot Sunnylands Center and a nine-acre garden.

While much larger than what is envisioned at the ICC site, it's a similar idea and effort she will oversee here.

Upon retiring from the Palm Springs Museum, she

moved to Idyllwild and designed and built her home. This past summer, she joined the ICC building committee to get involved in her new hometown and give to the community.

"I wanted to be in a different environment than the desert," she said explaining her move to the Hill. "I like the snow, I didn't think I'd ever say that," said the Southern California native and former Santa Barbara resident. "I've never experienced snow nor seasons."

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Below, Strawberry Creek continued to run despite snow and ice.



The snow covered mountain through the park's pine trees.



Snow covered the bridge in Idyllwild County Park.



Sled riders were already enjoying the newly fallen snow before 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9.

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Above, Saturday morning, after Friday's snow storm (from left) **Brittani Heising, Jenna Thompson and Amber Petroski** from Newport Beach found a great sledding path in Fern Valley to enjoy the freshly fallen snow.

At left, Lily Rock in her frozen glory standing stately in the misty clouds after Friday's heavy snow storm.

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Keith Smith clearing the spaces in front of "Harmony".

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At right, a Fern Valley snowman.

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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.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.
Valentine Wine & Chocolate Pairings, 3-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
"Django Unchained," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Feb. 14

Valentine Wine & Chocolate Pairings, Noon-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
Forest Folk Movie Night & Potluck Featuring "Calendar Girls," 5:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Valentine's Day Singles Celebration with Live Entertainment, 6-10 p.m. Jo'An's.
Lawrence Spector, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
"Django Unchained," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Feb. 15

2013 Riverside County Fair & Date Festival, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fantasy Springs Resort & Casino.
Valentine Wine & Chocolate Pairings, Noon-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
Krafty Kids Art Class with Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.
"A Good Day to Die Hard," 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's.
Jac Jacaruso, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
That's All Folk, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jo'An's.
Valentine's Day Dance, 7-9 p.m. Town Hall.

Saturday, Feb. 16

2013 Riverside County Fair & Date Festival, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fantasy Springs Resort & Casino.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock" Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
Valentine Wine & Chocolate Pairings, Noon-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
"A Good Day to Die Hard," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.
Hojo Reynolds, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
Karaoke with Scott Foster, 8-11 p.m. Jo'An's.

Sunday, Feb. 17

2013 Riverside County Fair & Date Festival, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fantasy Springs Resort & Casino.
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.

Valentine Wine & Chocolate Pairings, Noon-6 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

Idyllhands Wanted: Hojo Reynolds & Friends first ever jam session, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

"A Good Day to Die Hard," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Monday, Feb. 18

2013 Riverside County Fair & Date Festival, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fantasy Springs Resort & Casino.

Free Cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon Town Hall.

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

"A Good Day to Die Hard," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Music in the Meadow, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, Feb. 19

2013 Riverside County Fair & Date Festival, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fantasy Springs Resort & Casino.

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

"A Good Day to Die Hard," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Feb. 20

Adult Field Trip to Balboa Park, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Town Hall.

2013 Riverside County Fair & Date Festival, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fantasy Springs Resort & Casino.

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

"A Good Day to Die Hard," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Feb. 21

2013 Riverside County Fair & Date Festival, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fantasy Springs Resort & Casino.

ICRC Speakers Series, 5:30 p.m. Wine & Cheese Reception, 6 p.m. Larry Kawano, "The Short History of Physics and Astronomy Explorations in and near Idyllwild," Creekstone Inn.

Barleywine Style Ale Tasting, 6:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

"A Good Day to Die Hard," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Feb. 22

2013 Riverside County Fair & Date Festival, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fantasy Springs Resort & Casino.

Krafty Kids Art Class with Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.

"A Good Day to Die Hard," 4:30

& 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

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

Bingo Night, 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center.

Unity & Diversity: Contemporary Western Ceramic Artists, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Idyllwild Arts.

Saturday, Feb. 23

2013 Riverside County Fair & Date Festival, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fantasy Springs Resort & Casino.

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

"A Good Day to Die Hard," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

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

Unity & Diversity: Contemporary Western Ceramic Artists, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Idyllwild Arts.

Karaoke with Scott Foster, 8-11 p.m. Jo'An's.

Sunday, Feb. 24

2013 Riverside County Fair & Date Festival, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fantasy Springs Resort & Casino.

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.

Unity & Diversity: Contemporary Western Ceramic Artists, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Idyllwild Arts.

"A Good Day to Die Hard," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Monday, Feb. 25

Free Cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon

Town Hall.

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

Unity & Diversity: Contemporary Western Ceramic Artists, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Idyllwild Arts.

"A Good Day to Die Hard," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

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

Unity & Diversity: Contemporary Western Ceramic Artists, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Idyllwild Arts.

"A Good Day to Die Hard," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

ARF Speaker Series venue change

Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild's speaker, Susan Foster, will speak at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 17 at the ARF house on Highway 243 in Idyllwild because of damage a frozen pipe caused at the original location.

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Community news from Idyllwild Arts

By LYDIA KREMER, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Idyllwild community and the campus have a unique symbiotic relationship which truly takes a village to be successful.

Idyllwild Arts welcomes 15 new students

During the weekend of Jan. 26 and 27, the campus rolled out the green carpet to welcome 15 students to Idyllwild Arts' spring semester with a full schedule of activities and events. The students who joined us are from the U.S., Austria, China, Korea, Japan and Canada, and will be studying music, dance, film, visual arts, theater, and interarts.

The new students were treated to a coffee house social as well as a festive barbeque to interact with existing students. They are also assigned a "buddy" to help them feel welcomed and help them assimilate in their new environment.

InterArts instructor exhibits work in Los Angeles

Nancy Popp, Idyllwild Arts' InterArts Department chair, is a professional performance artist and is currently participating in an exhibition MexiCali, Biennial at the Vincent Price Art Museum in Los Angeles (through April 13). Nancy's contribution is a site-specific performance piece which she performed in Los Angeles on Feb. 10. She also will perform the piece when the exhibition travels to Mexicali later in 2013.

International alumni reunions

We may be situated in a small, remote location, but Idyllwild Arts makes a significant cultural and educational impact in the world. We like to keep current on what our alums are doing and accomplishing in their future studies and careers. To that end, we annually organize alumni reunions in various international and U.S. cities.

Within the next three months, alumni will gather in five cities: Feb. 20 in Seoul, March 3 in Taipei, April 13 in Los Angeles, April 30 in New York City and May 11 in San Francisco.

See *Idyllwild Arts*, page 26

Larry Kawano connects Idyllwild and science discoveries as next ICRC speaker

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Larry Kawano, chief scientist and outreach coordinator at Idyllwild's Astrocamp, makes science interesting as part of his current job, explaining and enlivening scientific mysteries for young students at the Hill's science camp. He does the same for older Idyllwild residents as a popular speaker for Idyllwild Community Recreation Council's long-running speaker series. He returns for the series on Thursday, Feb. 21.

A cosmologist by training at Cornell University, University of Chicago and CalTech, Kawano easily navigates from macro to micro



Larry Kawano, ICRC speaker on Thursday, Feb. 21.

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Pine Cove historical marker commemorating the 1926 speed of light experiment that began here. Photo by J.P. Crumrine

MS FOLDER LARRY KAWANO

and complexity to simplicity. The micro in Kawano's presentation is Idyllwild and its connection to the macro universe of scientific mysteries and experiments.

He noticed a curiosity that got him thinking about the subject for his talk. Although Idyllwild is known primarily for the arts, said Kawano, there are many relatively unknown echoes of scientific importance that for several moments in the past made Idyllwild and its environs important science centers.

Kawano calls his presentation "The Short History of Physics and Astronomy

Explorations in and near Idyllwild: The Pine Cove Speed-of-Light Marker, Palomar Observatory and What Could Have Been Under the Mountain."

And, for anyone who

knows Larry and his dry wit, it won't be surprising that the moments of which he speaks did not result in anything of significance for Idyllwild. "It's still interesting although the results were not successful," said Kawano.

He first acknowledged the Pine Cove to Mt. Wilson speed of light experiment that was an exciting attempt to refine light's speed but that failed because of smoke and haze. Nobel Prize-winning scientist Albert Michelson sought to reflect light from Pine Cove to a measuring station 82 miles away on Mt. Wilson. The marker still exists in Pine Cove.

Although Mt. Palomar can be seen from Idyllwild,

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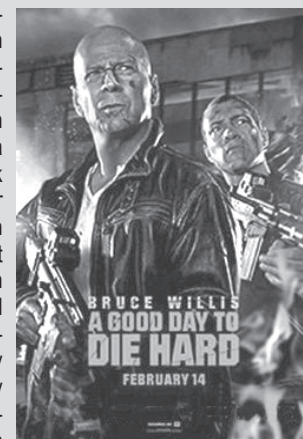
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Marshall Hawkins joins Jazz Hall of Fame

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Marshall Hawkins, dean of local jazz musicians, one of the founders of the annual Jazz in the Pines festival, will be honored next Friday, Feb. 22. The California Alliance of Jazz will induct Hawkins into its Hall of Fame in Fresno.

Dr. Jeffrey James Tower championed Hawkins' entry into the Hall of Fame. Tower was a Hemet High School educator and jazz trombonist and former Alliance of Jazz president. "[Hawkins' selection] was great," said Tower, Alliance historian and chair of the selection committee. "A lot of his colleagues wanted this and it is nice to be recognized. He's a great jazz musician. We're happy to honor him."

Hawkins said he was surprised and honored. "[Tower and I] have been friends for a long time. It's a 30-year relationship," the newest Hall of Fame inductee said. "I was surprised it went through unanimously."

The honor goes not only to jazz musicians, but educators too. The Hall of Fame includes 56 members, including Tower. The committee evaluates seven criteria.



Marshall Hawkins organized and performs in the Town Jazz event last August.

FILE PHOTO

Each of these criteria easily applies to Hawkins' career. For example, one criterion is to have "Served as a quality/competent jazz educator for over 20 years with consistency." Hawkins has been leading the Jazz Department at Idyllwild

Arts for more than 30 years. Many of his students, such as Evan Christopher and Jason Jackson, are now internationally renowned jazz performers.

Another criterion states, "Jazz groups/students visible in jazz community and of outstanding quality," describes his years organizing and promoting the school's Jazz in the Pines Festival.

Hawkins' allegiance and connection to the school are well known. His talent has attracted many musicians to the campus and the school's administration acknowledged and honored his contribution.

"Marshall Hawkins has been a member of the Academy faculty since it's founding. He's one of our most beloved faculty members and is responsible for the education of many of our fine jazz artists in the world now," said Doug Ashcraft and Steve Fraider, the executive directors of Idyllwild Arts. "One of the extraordinary things about Marshall is how excited he is to teach students who have not played jazz before, sharing his knowledge with less-experienced musicians as well as our students who come here to study classical music."

Besides introducing jazz to the Idyllwild Arts Music Department, Hawkins helped organize and establish the annual Jazz in the Pines Festival in 1994. This August will be the 20th Annual Jazz Fest.

Tower has played with Hawkins many times and together they organized and ran the summer jazz program, which is a vital part of Idyllwild Arts' summer program. Just five years ago, Hawkins was selected to be "Ambassador" for jazz. The world-renowned Goethe Institute, which has

offices around the world, sponsored a 2008 spring conference in Bremen, Germany, and invited Hawkins to attend and participate.

Hawkins is also an accomplished jazz composer and organizer. But his roots, which started in Washington, D.C., touched several music genres. His mother played music in the house. "I heard Vivaldi, Puccini, Nat Cole and Paul Whiteman. She liked all kinds of music," Hawkins said describing his early training.

His first instrument was the piano, but now he's known as a world-class bassist.

Another important accomplishment in Hawkins' career is formation of the Seahawk Mojo Modern Jazz Orchestra. Hawkins' founded this group and takes musicians to elementary schools to introduce America's native music — jazz — to young students throughout Southern California.

This weekend, the orchestra, with Christopher, Daniel Jackson and possibly Casey Abrams, will perform a Black History concert at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 16 at Idyllwild Arts.

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SPORTS

Town Hall Youth Basketball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teeguarden** reported on youth basketball for both the College League (kindergarten through third-grade) and the Pro League (third- through sixth-grade) for the week of Feb. 5.

All playoff games on Friday, Feb. 8 were canceled because of the snow.

College League (Kindergarten through third-grade)

This week, the College League (grades K-3) began its playoff season. The final standings are below.

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, the College League playoffs began with a game between the fourth-seeded Pacific Slope Tree Co. Bulldogs and the fifth seeded Bluebird Cottage Inn Jayhawks. The winner moved on in the playoffs and meets first-seeded Wooley's Wildcats.

The Jayhawks took the lead in the second quarter as **Ethan Scott** made several baskets for his team. At halftime, the Jayhawks lead 12-9. The Jayhawks extended their lead early in the third quarter. But the Bulldogs had one last charge in the fourth quarter.

Reese Whitney hit a nice long shot to cut the lead to three points with a minute to go. The Bulldogs got a couple more shots to get closer but the Jayhawks

played good defense and won 19-16.

In the next round of the playoffs, the Jayhawks will play the Wildcats and the Idyllwild Rotary Bears and the Gastrognome Broncos meet. These games were re-scheduled for Tuesday evening, Feb. 12.

The championship and consolation games for both the College and Pro Leagues are still scheduled for Friday, Feb. 15. The College League games are at 5 and 6 p.m., and the Pro League games follow at 7 and 8 p.m.

Final College League Standings

Team	Wins	Losses
Wooley's Wildcats	7	1
Idyllwild Rotary Bears	7	1
Gastrognome Broncos	3	5
Pacific Slope Bulldogs	2	6
Bluebird Cottage Inn Jayhawks	1	7

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The Idyllwild Middle School boys' basketball team lost their first game of the season, Monday, Feb. 11. The San Jacinto Leadership Academy beat Idyllwild 31-20. The team's current record is 5-1. The girls' team won 32-21 to remain undefeated. The girls' record is 6-0. Above, **Micah Hitchcock** attempts a free throw during Monday's game against San Jacinto Leadership Academy.

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Following a PGA tour professional

By JACK CLARK
PROFESSIONAL GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Most readers have not had an opportunity to cover a professional golfer at a PGA Tour tournament. And I'm thinking that most people haven't attended a PGA Tour tournament as a spectator either. So I'm going to try to paint this with a fairly broad brush.

About nine months out of the year, there is a weekly PGA Tour tournament somewhere, sometimes two. That's in addition to two other tours — the Champions Tour is for the tour's seniors and the Web.com Tour develops players for the PGA Tour, similar to baseball's minor leagues.

Besides opportunities for tour players to earn an income, the tournaments offer opportunities to enhance life in the host communities. PGA Tour tournaments are huge fundraisers for more than 2,000 charities.

For example, last year's Farmers Insurance Open at La Jolla raised more than \$2 million for charities. This year, tournament organizers were aiming at \$3 million.

The PGA Tour acknowledges that it is able to pass on so much to charities because of its backbone of volunteer workers. I met a tournament marshal in her seventies who volunteers to work the Torrey Pines tournament each year even though she lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. She plans her annual visit with her daughter in San Diego around the La Jolla event.

Spectators can purchase either daily or weekly passes to PGA Tour tournaments. As a spectator, I've identified three basic ways to enjoy a PGA Tour tournament. Many fans simply choose their favorite player to shadow. Pick out one player and walk the entire course with him.

Another option that enables one to see the entire field of players is to locate yourself at one hole. You'll see each golfer as the pros play through during that day's round.

Some spectators just hang around the main clubhouse area catching a tee off here and a green there and enjoying the several beer and wine gardens, which usually are equipped with huge television screens and leaderboards. And, of course, you can employ any combination of the three.

Following Idyllwild native Brendan Steele as a media member is not a whole lot different from following him as a spectator, except that as a media person I get to use a camera.

I need only outside-the-ropes photography credentials since shooting with a 300mm lens is good enough from the gallery. Unfortunately, I don't always get a good camera angle from there. Sometimes when I do a caddie or



Brendan Steele tees off in this year's Farmers Insurance Open last in La Jolla.

PHOTO BY JACK CLARK

another player blocks it. So every few holes, when I do get a good angle, I certainly want to get the shot.

But the first two years I covered Brendan at Torrey Pines the volunteer marshals had trouble seeing my photo ID, which was just a small paper wristband. Three or four times each round, one of them would interrupt my attempt to get a good photo.

One marshal jumped in front of my camera and asked, "Do you want that thing confiscated?" This year, the PGA Tour began issuing very large, bright yellow IDs for outside-the-ropes press photographers, and I had no trouble at all.

For me, following Brendan means that I generally arrive at a tournament an hour or so before his tee time. I catch his warm-ups on the practice tee and putting green before his round begins.

I try to stay out of his way, and I click off shots only well after he has contacted the ball. I also keep a running description of his round, shot by shot, using my own shorthand.

As either spectator or reporter, you get much more of a personal feel for a golfer and his abilities when you follow him around the course watching his every shot. That requires at least five miles of walking daily, so you do get some exercise.

Different tournaments have different facilities. At the Farmers Insurance Open in La Jolla, the media has access to the clubhouse restaurant and lounge along with the pros. The Northern Trust Open at the Riviera Country

Club has personally-assigned laptop desks for each media member. The Humana Challenge in La Quinta lets media members use the players' refreshment areas that are placed around the course, a very welcome media "perk" indeed.

Of course, walking with the pros you do have to be a bit careful. Once on an overcast day I lost the flight of a ball while I was standing near a green and got hit by one of Brendan's 365-yard three-wood shots. It hit me on my thigh, no damage was done. Brendan did make me the gift of an autographed glove, which is kind of traditional when a spectator is hit.

Some people don't know that a player's official score card is kept by another golfer in his group. The players exchange score cards on the first tee, and when the round is over, they go immediately to the scorer's trailer where they each go over their own card meticulously before they sign it.

If they mistakenly sign for a higher score on a hole than they actually shot, that higher score becomes official. If they mistakenly sign for a lower score, they are disqualified from the tournament.

So when Brendan comes out of the scorer's trailer, I step inside the ropes for an interview. Brendan is the most cordial of interviewees. I'm sure it's natural for him, but it's like he's thinking of ways to make the interview go well for you. One PGA Tour employee, when he learned that I was covering Brendan, told me that he was the nicest guy on the tour.

Of course I can't attend all of Brendan's tournaments — only the two or three that he plays in Southern California. So for the great bulk of the year I'm following him only on television and by computer.

If you love golf, you'll find a wealth of detailed information about each player's rounds at the official PGA Tour website: www.pgatour.com, including play-by-play descriptions with yardages. When I'm not present at one of Brendan's tournaments, I do my best to cover his play by sewing together information from that website and every other source available.

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For Sale

Freestanding footed wood jewelry armoire, 50"x16"x12", cream with hand-painted roses, with golden fixtures, 7 locking drawers and 2 necklace closets. \$30. (951) 659-9662.

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For Sale

Black leather man's jacket, brand new, American brand, size XL. \$45. Call (951) 415-6769.

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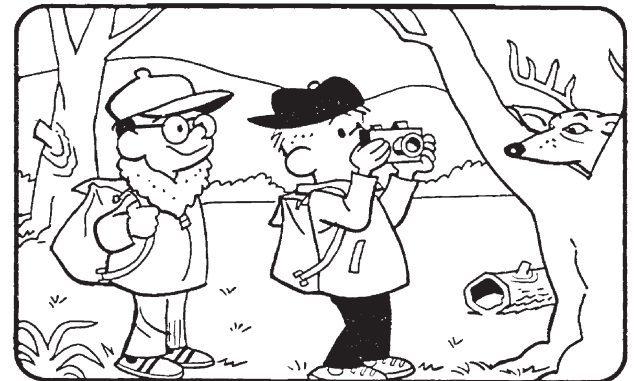
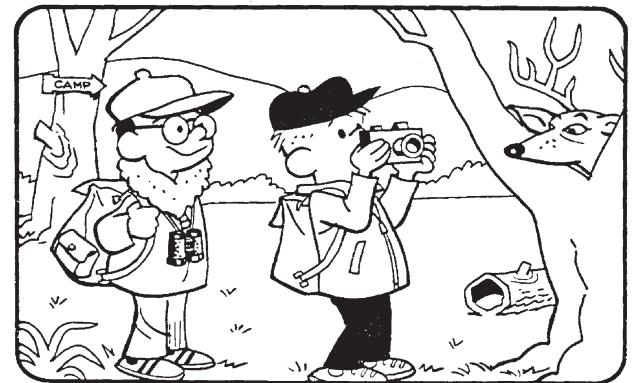
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DIFFERENCES: 1. Sign is reversed. 2. Zipper is missing. 3. Binoculars are missing. 4. Cap is reversed. 5. Pocket is missing. 6. Antler is different.

For Sale

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Yard Sale**ESTATE SALE**

for
Anna Bielicki
54490 So. Circle Dr.
Feb. 22, 23 & 24,
Fri., Sat. & Sun.,
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Automotive

2000 Toyota Tundra 4x4, access cab, SR5, black w/ tan leather interior, lift & K&N air intake, new rack & pinion steering, new serpentine belt. Well maintained, tool box (tonneau cover also avail.), minor scratches/dings, clean carfax, no accidents. Owned by non-smoker. 156,000 miles. \$8,200. Call Tim at (951) 692-0877, local Idy resident.

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DONATE YOUR CAR, truck or boat to Heritage for the Blind. Free 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taken Care Of. 888-902-6851. (Cal-SCAN)

WANTED Any Condition Pre 1973 Mercedes SL, other convertibles, Porsche 356, 912, 911, Jaguar XK150 through E-types. Gas station signs. Other interesting cars considered. 714-267-3436 or michaelcanfield204@gmail.com (Cal-SCAN)

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Answers to Sudoku
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Answers to Crossword
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Classifieds

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Mobile Homes

Royal Pines Estates, 26350 Delano Dr., Idyllwild. New units, 2 BR, 1 BA, laundry room, deck, appliances, furn., \$850/mo., unfurn., \$800/mo. & Park model 1 BR, 1 BA, meadow view, appliances, deck, unfurn., \$700/mo. Call Mary for more info. (951) 659-2691.

For Rent or Lease

Enchanting large 1 BR w/lg. closets, 1 full BA in secluded, quiet canyon community. Lots of decking, glass & views. Passes solar. W/D, fridge, storage shed, 2 propane FPs, Pergo floors. Immaculate. \$750/mo. + security. Call (760) 989-0043.

Idyllwild Property Management

54960 Pine Crest Ave. Ste. 1
Office: (951) 659-4200
Fax: (951) 659-4206
Check out our website:
www.myipmoffice.com
25860 Shady View
Beautiful two story 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA home in Fern Valley w/new carpet & paint. Lg. 2-car garage. Very private on cul-de-sac. \$1450/mo.

25151 Wrightwood
Completely redecorated. New paint, flooring, new kitchen & new window coverings. Beautiful cabin w/fenced back yard. Private on cul-de-sac. \$800/mo.
54055 Pine Crest Ave. #5
Downstairs apt. with 1 BR, 1 BA, kit/din. combo. Propane heat. \$675/mo.

Fully furnished 2 BR, 2 BA house. Large patio, garage w/auto opener. In town. No smoking/pets. \$799/mo. Short-term \$129/night. Call (760) 831-7447.

For Rent or Lease

Gorgeous panoramic view house, furnished 1 BR, 2 BA, central heat, a/c, vinyl, paneled floors, a fireplace. No smoking. \$950/mo. all utilities included. (951) 659-2255 or (310) 903-6863.

Studio cabins, fridge, stove & woodstove on sewer. Sunny location on plowed road, close to school and walk to town. \$485/mo. and \$525/mo. Avail. now. Call (760) 469-5905.

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Small cabin with sleeper loft, kitchen with stove & fridge, new carpet, small fenced yard. \$550/mo. + \$300 deposit. Call (951) 961-7246.

Gorgeous studio apartment in PC. Treetop view through leaded glass windows. Full bath, kitchen w/stove, 1/2 size fridge. Privacy. \$590/mo. (951) 850-8466. Background/Credit Check.

Commercial Rentals

Mountain Manor Reduced rates.....
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Pete Daly
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Commercial Rentals

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Easy access to this popular and stately **B&B**, 4 BR, large dining, living & super kitchen. A must to see property. 26770 Hwy. 243. First time on market for years. Van Leuven Realty. (909) 225-9555.

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Health

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JUST LIKE CATS & DOGS



HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Congratulations, Lamb. The end of the month brings good news in the workplace, thanks to all the efforts you've made to get your projects off the ground and running.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Don't let yourself be cowed into thinking you're not up to the challenge you've taken on. Keep reinforcing your self-confidence, and no one and nothing can stop you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Positive responses to a recent workplace move should give you added assurance that you're on the right track. Celebrate the good news with family and/or friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) There's still a little emotional fuzziness you have to work through before you can feel really certain about your recent decisions. But you're on the right track. Stay with it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're tempted by an offer that seems close to what you've been looking for. But before you pounce on it, see if you can coax out some added perks to sweeten the deal.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your efforts to settle a volatile situation should prove successful. Now could be a good time to analyze what might have created the problem in the first place.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A once-close associate re-emerges with news

that could cause you to reconsider a recent decision. But don't make a move before consulting a trusted adviser.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel pressured to reveal a colleague's secret. But you can rely on your strong Scorpion sense of rectitude to help you continue to do the right thing.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) That pesky situation is still creating problems. But you are moving ahead with it, and soon it should be successfully resolved in your favor.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A spate of indecision leaves you susceptible to doubt. But you'll soon regain your emotional sure-footedness and be back leading the way, as usual.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Love rules the week with new romances favored for single Aquarians looking for partners. Cupid also targets renewed commitment for wedded Water Bearers.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A surge of creativity keeps you happily busy through the week. But leave some quiet time to share with loved ones. Some long-awaited news finally comes through.

BORN THIS WEEK: People rely on you whenever they need someone they can trust to be caring, considerate and also discreet.

CROSSWORD

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 - 8 Anything but that
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 - 13 Concept
 - 14 Stroll
 - 15 Medium-sized dog
 - 17 Without acting
 - 18 To-do list
 - 19 Every last crumb
 - 21 Stimpy's cartoon pal
 - 22 Lassie, e.g.
 - 26 Pavarotti's range
 - 29 A mere hand-ful
 - 30 Toss in
 - 31 Nerve cell process
 - 32 Carte lead-in
 - 33 Turned blue?
 - 34 Gas stat
 - 35 Wall climber
 - 36 Deep-voiced singer
 - 37 "French" dog
 - 39 Shriner's chapeau
 - 40 "the fields we go ..."
 - 41 Anti-elderly prejudice
 - 45 Satchmo's genre
 - 48 Large terrier
 - 50 Burn
 - 51 Pesky insect
 - 52 Silent
 - 53 Night light?
 - 54 Tackles' team-mates
 - 55 Crony

- DOWN**
- 1 Actress - Pinkett Smith
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 - 3 Judicial garb
 - 4 Construction piece
 - 5 Madison Avenue worker
 - 6 Vast expanse
 - 7 Cure-all
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 - 9 Owned
 - 10 Under the weather
 - 11 Heavens
 - 16 Company that went under in 2001
 - 20 Depressed
 - 23 Pringles com-petitor
 - 24 Bad day for Caesar
 - 25 Taro root
 - 26 Pack (down)
 - 27 World's fair
 - 28 "Forget it"
 - 29 Aviate
 - 32 Mean
 - 33 In a stupor
 - 35 -de-France
 - 36 Sires
 - 38 Doughnut shop purchase
 - 39 Capacitance measure
 - 42 Poetic foot
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 - 45 Van Eyck or Vermeer
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 - 47 Menagerie
 - 49 Hostel

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Lola
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Both recipes are from bettycrocker.com, take a look at the photo presentation online. The website has everything from breakfast to lunch and dinner, also desserts. Everything is made using Betty Crocker mixes, easy and quick. And remember, I am a lazy cook.

Strawberry cream cheese cookie tarts
Makes 32 tarts

- 1 pouch Betty Crocker sugar cookie mix.
- 1 container (8 oz.) strawberry cream cheese spread



“Standing in one of Panama’s lush coastal rainforests, I am able to compare the tropical environment with the lovely high altitude conifer forests of Idyllwild,” wrote Nancy Pearlman. “It was fun to be in this Central American country to enjoy the beaches, see the wildlife, and get close to the Panama Canal.”

PICTURE COURTESY OF MANOS ANGELAKIS.

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 aerosol container (6.4 oz.) Betty Crocker decorating icing
- Betty Crocker’s candy sprinkles, (I used red & pink candy hearts purchased at Michael’s)

Make cookie dough as directed on package. Roll dough into 32 (1-inch balls). Place the balls in greased mini-muffin cups. Press each ball in bottom and up sides of muffin cup. Bake at 350° F for 12 to 15 minutes. When done, remove them from the pan and let cool completely.

Mix the cream cheese, milk and powdered sugar with an electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Fill each cookie cup with rounded teaspoon of filling. Top each cookie with icing and decorating sprinkles.

The next dessert is decadent.

Fudge lover’s strawberry truffle cake
Makes 12 Servings

- Cake:
- 1 box Betty Crocker SuperMoist Chocolate Fudge Cake Mix and water, vegetable oil, and eggs called for on box

- Ganache Filling and Topping:
- 2 packages (8 oz. each) semisweet baking chocolate, finely chopped
- 1-1/3 cup whipping cream
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter (do not use margarine)
- 2 cups fresh cut-up strawberries

- Garnish:
- 6 fresh strawberries, cut in half lengthwise through stem

- 1/4 cup white vanilla baking chips
- 1/2 teaspoon vegetable oil

Heat oven to 350° F. (325° F for dark or nonstick pans.) Make and bake cake as directed on box for 13x9-inch pan. Cool completely, about 1 hour.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, place chopped chocolate; set aside. In 2-quart sauce pan, heat whipping cream and butter over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until butter is melted and mixture comes to a boil. Pour the cream mixture over chocolate and stir until smooth.

Line the bottom of 9-inch spring-form pan with waxed paper. Cut cake into 1-inch cubes.

In a large bowl, beat half of cake with electric mixer on low, until cake is crumbly. Add the remaining cake cubes and 1-3/4 cups of ganache, (reserve remaining ganache for topping). Beat this on low speed 30 seconds, then on medium speed until well-combined. (Mixture will look like fudge.)

Gently fold in 2 cups cut-up strawberries. Spoon mixture into spring-form pan; smooth top. Cover with plastic wrap; freeze for about 45 minutes or until firm enough to remove mold.

Run a knife around the side to loosen cake mixture from spring-form pan. Place serving plate upside down on pan, then flip the pan and plate over.

Frost sides and top of cake with reserved ganache. Arrange strawberries on top of cake.

In small microwave bowl, microwave baking vanilla chips and 1/2 teaspoon oil uncovered on high for 45 seconds, stirring every 15 seconds, until melted. Place in a small resealable food-storage bag.

Now cut off a tiny corner of the bag. Drizzle over top of cake. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Best served the same day.
You can contact Lola at dolores.sizer@gmail.com.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as TRIUNE HOME INSPECTION SERVICES, 32600 Hwy 74 #67, Hemet, CA 92545, Riverside County. DOUGLAS CALVIN ZEISSLER, 32600 Hwy 74 #67, Hemet, CA 92545.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed: DOUGLAS ZEISSLER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 15, 2013.

FILE NO.: R-2013-00480

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 15, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 15, 2018. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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

LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk
By: C. Teran, Deputy
Pub. TC: Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as SAFE ARMS TRAINING INSTITUTE, BLAST-INGCAP.COM, KINETIC REACTIVE TARGET

SYSTEMS, 54380 South Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 517, Idyllwild, CA 92549. RALPH CONRAD HOETGER III, 54380 South Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, and BENJAMIN LEE BLOOM, 54025 Strawberry Valley Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

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

Signed: RALPH C. HOETGER III
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 16, 2013.

FILE NO.: R-2013-00555

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk
By: L. Sibley, Deputy
Pub. TC: Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person IS doing business as TRANQUILITY VINEYARDS & WINERY, 42191 Little Lake Road, Hemet, CA 92544, Riverside County. Mailing address: 26637 Soboba St., Hemet, CA 92544. WILLIAM FRANCIS SHINKLE, 26637 Soboba St., Hemet, CA 92544.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Jan. 17, 2013.

Signed: BILL SHINKLE
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 17, 2013.

FILE NO.: R-2013-00630

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NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 17, 2018. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk
By: M. Llaneras, Deputy
Pub. TC: Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as ISABELLA DE ALLENDE, 52590 Idyllmont Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County; Mailing address: P.O. Box 1209, Idyllwild, CA 92549. LINDA MYERS KRIKORIAN, 52590 Idyllmont Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549-1209.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed: LINDA M. KRIKORIAN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 17, 2013.

FILE NO.: R-2013-00590

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CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk
By: N. Medina, Deputy
Pub. TC: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as EXPRESS HOME SERVICES, 67135 RibbonWood Dr., Mountain Center, CA 92561, Riverside County. TODD MILLER GLENN, 67135 Ribbonwood Dr., Mountain Center, CA 92561.

This business is conducted by an Indi-

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

Signed: TODD GLENN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 23, 2013.

FILE NO.: R-2013-00771

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

LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk
By: B. Harris, Deputy
Pub. TC: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 2013.

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Notice is hereby given that the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for addressing the potential release of asbestos from naturally occurring asbestos exposed during mine excavation at the Dunn Asbestos Deposit Site on the San Jacinto Ranger District, San Bernardino National Forest, and the Administrative Record, upon which it is based, are available for public review and comment. The EE/CA was prepared under the Forest Service's authority derived from Section 104 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund; Title 42, United States Code, Section 9604) and Federal Executive Order 12580, and is not inconsistent with the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) as found in Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 300.

The Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) describes the response action being undertaken to address the potential exposure of human populations to elevated levels of asbestos present in soil disturbed during the course of excavating to expose veins of naturally occurring asbestos (NOA) and subsequent re-grading of the excavation area. This response action will also address the higher concentrations of asbestos detected in the air within the Site and the potential for exposure to asbestos fragments

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Both the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) and Administrative Record are available at the Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Road, Idyllwild, CA, and the Riverside County Pinyon Fire Station #30, 70080 Hwy 74, Pinyon Pines-Mountain Center, CA for

public inspection during their regular business hours. The Forest Service will accept written comments for 30 calendar days from the date of this notice. Written comments should be sent to Jerome De Graff, USDA Forest Service, 1600 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA 93611. Comments may also be emailed to jdegraff@fs.fed.us. The Forest Service will prepare a written response to significant comments.

The public spokesperson for this action is Heidi Lake Hoggan, Lands, Special Uses and Minerals Administrator, San Jacinto Ranger District, Idyllwild, CA. She can be contacted at (909) 382-2945 or by email at: hhoggan@fs.fed.us.

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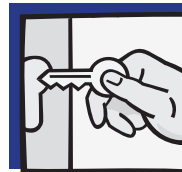
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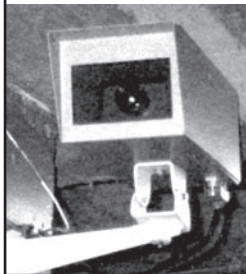
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SPORTS

Town Hall Adult Volleyball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teeguarden** reported on Town Hall Adult volleyball for the week of Feb. 4.

The week's first match, a good one, was between Forest Lumber and Idyllwild Garage. The match went back and forth as each team alternated winning games. **Fred Espinoza** for the Garage and **Dave Parker** for Forest Lumber played great for the entire match. The game came down to a fifth game and the Garage came up with a few key points and won the game 16-14. The game scores were 25-13, 22-25, 25-14, 21-25, and 16-14.

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, the Red Kettle and Idyllwild Inn played. The match went all towards the Inn as they took control early and won in three games. **Dawn Sonnier** played well for the Inn as did **Connie Chavez** for the Red Kettle. The game scores were 25-22, 25-13 and 25-19.

On Wednesday, the Red Kettle, playing their second consecutive game, went against Idyllwild Chevron. This was a make-up game that was postponed earlier in the

year. The Red Kettle came out hot in the first game as **Bo Dagnall** played well. Chevron regrouped and went on to win the next three games as **Mark Collis** played great at the net. (19-25, 25-10, 25-17 and 25-19.)

On Thursday, Idyllwild Chevron played their second game of the week. This opponent was Silver Pines Lodge. **Matt Boss** made some great plays and Silver Pines won the first game. Chevron came back to win game two behind **Justin Lehr's** great net play, including big blocks. Silver Pines rebounded though and won the next two games and the match. (25-14, 20-25, 25-17, 25-23.)

Saturday's games were cancelled due to the weather.

Volleyball Standings

Team	Wins	Losses
Silver Pines	10	0
Idyllwild Garage	7	3
Idyllwild Chevron	5	5
Idyllwild Inn	5	5
Forest Lumber	3	7
Red Kettle	0	10

Twin Pines Ranch: Part 1

By NANCY LAYTON
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Editor's note: On Wednesday, Feb. 6, the Idyllwild Rotarians visited Riverside County's Twin Pines Ranch. The boys from the ranch have helped several Idyllwild associations, such as the Jazz in the Pines Festival. This is the first of a two-part story about the ranch and life there.

As you head toward Banning on Highway 243 it's easy to miss Twin Pines Road on your right as you speed off the mountain. If you venture down that road, you'll pass acres of charred manzanita and live oaks that testify to the awesome devastation, which the Esperanza Fire created here in 2006.

Twin Pines Road terminates at the Twin Pines Ranch, officially the Riverside County Youth Offenders Program Twin Pines Ranch. It's not a prison, but you

still need an invitation and must check in at the office. Thirty-two members and guests of the Idyllwild Rotary Club responded to such an invitation to tour the Ranch, Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Since 1947 the ranch has provided a disciplined, clean, educational and work-focused environment to boys aged fifteen to eighteen who have run afoul of the law. That it is not a prison is proven by the nearly 50 percent escape rate the Ranch Director Jimmy Shorter bemoans.

Soon after assuming the director's position in 2011, Shorter, who has spent 24 years in corrections and probation in Riverside County, attempted to change that percentage by changing the program. He did away with the "boot camp" regimen, opting instead for a more open, supportive environment for the boys



Director **Jimmy Shorter**

PHOTO BY NANCY LAYTON

and shortening the overall program from eighteen to six months.

It didn't work. Nearly half the boys sent to the Ranch still take off down the trail Shorter referred to as "AWOL" Highway, headed for Cabazon at the end of that narrow dirt track. "These kids have to want to be here for this program to work," Shorter said, standing at the front of the green bus that took the Rotarians around the Ranch.

Twin Pines Ranch encompasses 1,100 acres, much of it pasture for the ranch's herd of cattle. Each day several boys drive down a dirt trail to the barn and corrals where the cattle are fed and cared for. The cattle also provide meat for the Ranch's dining hall. "We used to have a butcher shop here on the Ranch," Shorter said, "but we got rid of it and now ship our cattle to another place for butchering."

As the bus moved back to the main area, the Rotarians asked him questions about the Ranch. Horses? "Not any more, none that we keep here. Too expensive to keep horses, but we do have a riding program for the boys," he explained. "We bring a couple cowboys with their string of horses up here to teach the boys how to ride and rope and groom horses. It's good experience for the boys to have to care for something bigger than they are. Teaches them respect, I guess."

After touring the auto mechanics shop where boys
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Kawano

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it is not on our mountain. Nevertheless, Palomar was the world's best telescope for many years after its installation in 1948, and contributed greatly to our understanding of other galaxies and the universe. The 200-inch telescope now ranks 19th among the world's most powerful instruments.

Finally, we'll leave as a mystery Kawano's third topic — what clandestine activities

Stanford University might have pursued under our mountain and the scientific experiments that might have been conducted there. As a clue, just ask Kawano about dark matter, which, at least at this time, does not yet have a CIA connection.

Kawano speaks at Creekstone Inn at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21. The event is co-sponsored by Astrocamp. There is a wine and cheese reception at 5:30. Both are free to the public.

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

Idyllwild Arts

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Marshall Hawkins joins Jazz Hall of Fame

Idyllwild Arts' very own national treasure and preeminent jazz musician, Marshall Hawkins, will be inducted into the California Alliance for Jazz Hall of Fame at an event on Feb. 22 in Fresno, Calif.

Marshall, whose career spans several decades of prominence in the jazz world, most notably with the Miles Davis Quintet, will be one of three inductees being honored. Congratulations, Marshall.

CREATURE CORNER

By MIMI AND HOOTCH

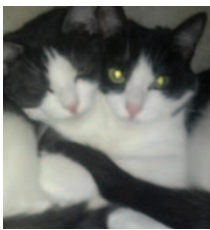
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60 years ago - 1953

Emsy Dunn's class, studying California history, went panning for gold in Strawberry Creek. All the students found was pyrite, "fool's gold."

55 years ago - 1958

More than a million visitors had flocked to the San Jacinto Mountains in 1957, according to Ranger John Gilman. This represented a 25 percent increase in tourism over 1956.

50 years ago - 1963

R.R. Welch announced plans for about 120 acres in the Stone Creek area for recreational developments. About \$26,000 was allocated in the State Park budget for improvements at the new Stone Creek acquisition.

45 years ago - 1968

The Mile-Hi Trap Club announced a "Bang-Up Breakfast," to be held at its Mountain Center shooting range.

40 years ago - 1973

Idyllwild had a new author. "Burro Bill and Me" was released, written by beloved Edna Price. It was a lively reminiscence of her 10 years in Death Valley and the Arizona Strip with her late husband, Bill.

25 years ago - 1978

The first major snowstorm of the season dumped 10 inches of snow at Idyllwild County Park Visitor Center. It marked one of the latest "first snows" recorded in Idyllwild.

30 years ago - 1983

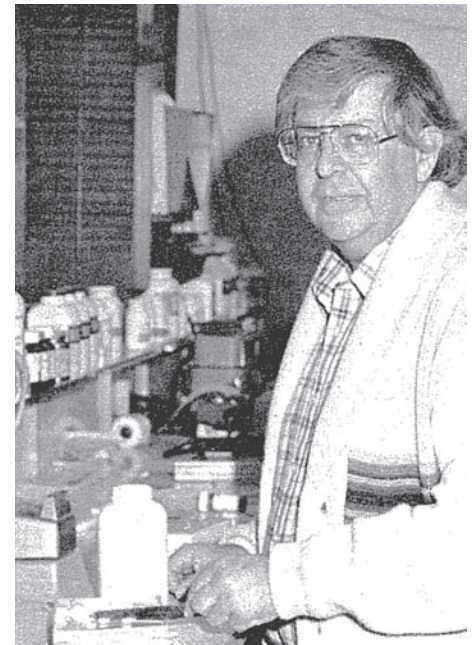
After being gone for 12 days, during which time a blizzard hit the Hill, a border collie, Abby, and cocker spaniel, Freckles, owned by Janet Fast and Gail Olsen, were found unharmed in the river bed at the foot of the Hill.

25 years ago - 1988

Mr. and Mrs. Edker Pope donated their home on Strawberry Creek in Fern Valley to the Elliott-Pope Preparatory School.

20 years ago - 1993

Hill resident Tim Millet received an award recognizing his dedication to the San Bernardino National Forest, San Jacinto Ranger District. Mil-



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FILE PHOTO

let, a member of the Forest Service Volunteer Association, had donated more than 300 hours cleaning campground and picnic areas.

15 years ago - 1998

Pine Cove Property Owners Association members met with a Riverside County Transportation Department representative in hopes of finding a solution to the problem of snowplow berms blocking driveways.

10 years ago - 2003

Idyllwild teens Amye Scavarda and Katie Barnash brought home more than a dozen medals each from the

Riverside County Academic Decathlon, won by Hemet High School for the fifth year in a row.

5 years ago - 2008

The first official planning meeting for the Idyllwild Historic District was held at the Nature Center.

1 year ago - 2012

County Service Area 38 Advisory Committee members learned that the county didn't appear to know the CSA's boundaries. The county map omits about 40 properties in the Foster Lake area from the CSA as voted for in 1965.



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Marcos Souza Melo (nickname "Spider") has been doing Brazilian Capoeira (a martial art) for 24 years and has recently begun adult and kid classes at Town Hall. Here he demonstrates a kick to student, **Carmen Pratt**. Capoeira masqueraded as a dance with its constant movement, even though it was actually a means of protection.

PHOTO BY BARBARA REESE

Twin Pines

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working in that vocational program spend their afternoons, then the carpentry shop, the gymnasium, and sports fields, finally the Rotarians saw the two wings of the "bunkhouse" which currently provides open, barracks-style sleeping quarters for 29 boys.

"Our numbers are down," Shorter said. "We usually run about fifty, but probation numbers are down throughout the county system."

He went on to explain the reasons, which center mostly on countywide changes in

the juvenile offender and drug court systems. Because more of the drug-related convictions result in referrals to rehab programs outside the county's probation system, programs like the Twin Pines Ranch get fewer first-timers.

However, Twin Pines Ranch receives many repeat offenders, some of whom have begun to comprehend the reasons for being recycled back into the probation system. Many, unfortunately, may never understand.

Part 2 of the Rotarians visit to Twin Pines Ranch, "Conversations with three Twin Pines Ranch boys," will appear in next week's edition, Feb. 21.

Renate

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tire too quickly.

Teachers have a very hard time recognizing that they are no longer in charge of all the information because most students can find the answers without much effort.

My point is that today teachers are in a position to let kids ask any and all questions about a subject and help them move through all the natural learning steps above. Teachers today can be in charge of challenging student thinking and reasoning, and encouraging students

to be curious and creative instead of getting them to memorize information they need for a test.

The process is powerful. It is natural. And it is being implemented in many parts of the world.

On Saturday, Feb. 16, we are resuming our conversations sponsored by the Natural Learning Research Institute from 10 a.m. to noon at the Caine Learning Center. Our topic will focus on meditation. What is it really for and why all of us need to adopt this practice?

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"We're disappointed that promises have not been kept. Why should I put effort into this thing when I know nothing is going to happen and no one is going to listen?"

Schraff also noted the ongoing rift in the community over county management of the CSA recreation contract. "No one is stepping

up," he said, recalling the brouhaha over dismissal of Idyllwild Community Recreation Council and Bob Lewis and how the controversy continues to affect the CSA recreation program by discouraging locals from accepting county recreation positions.

In response to questions about the future of the CSA 36 Advisory Committee, Verne Lauritzen, chief of staff for 3rd District Super-

visor Jeff Stone, took a cautious position. He suggested that because David and Lois Butterfield are reinvigorating the development of an Idyllwild Community Center, the county would take a "wait and see" approach since the Butterfield facility would be privately held and privately operated.

"We'll continue to maintain present levels of recreational service on programs for which there is sufficient

interest," Lauritzen said. "We may not expand programs but we'll maintain a full range of services."

He said that if and when the Butterfield Community Center facility is up and running, assuming that it will be a recreational facility that residents pay to use and that is what the community wants, the supervisor could decide to cancel the CSA 36 parcel assessment. "He could return that money [that currently

funds the CSA 36 recreation offerings and maintenance] to the taxpayers," Lauritzen said.

Lauritzen said the county still plans to accept the Town Hall deed from the Johnson family and would continue to operate it as a recreational facility. Depending on how much of the community's recreational needs are provided by the Idyllwild Community Center, then the county would consider the best communal use for Town Hall,

perhaps a community theater or an expanded senior center, he added.

Lauritzen said for the present, the CSA 36 Advisory Committee would remain nonoperational. He was uncertain when or if Bill Brown would advertise for a local CSA recreation manager. Brown could not be reached for comment.

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