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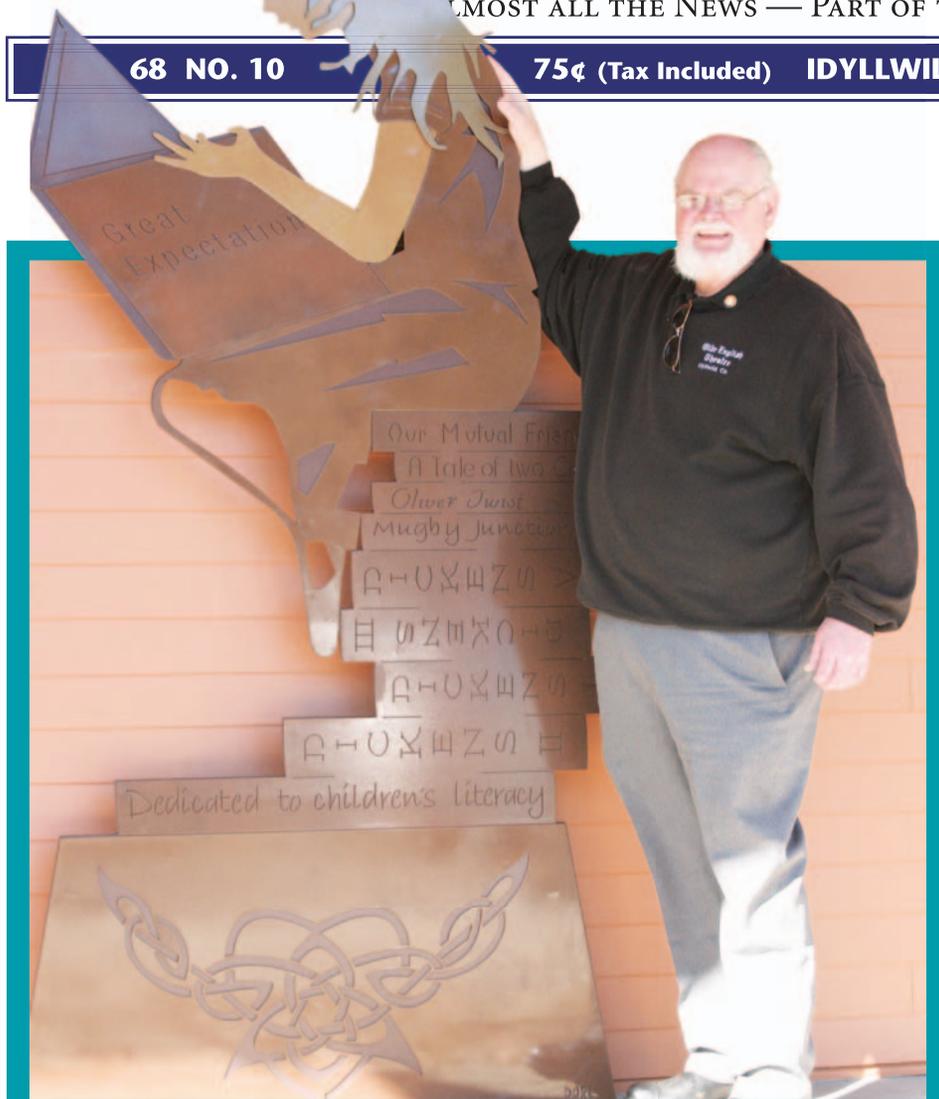
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Doug Austin with the newly installed "Mary Reading Dickens" at the front of the Idyllwild Library. HMC Architects of Ontario, the library's architects, prepared the specifications for mounting the statue and Hamel Contracting installed it. The Friends of the Idyllwild Library paid for the installation costs of the statue, which **Steve Moulton** donated to the county. The Dore Capitani statue was crafted in honor of **Mary Austin**, who died in 2009, and is dedicated to promoting literacy among children.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

County reviews emergency medical services

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Riverside County has begun working on a new ambulance services contract. The county's current contract with American Medical Response expires in June 2015. The board of supervisors has given its Emergency Medical Services Agency strong direction to develop a new contract, put it out to bid and make a selection in time for a

smooth transition in 2015 if AMR does not secure the successor contract.

EMS has contracted the Abaris Group, of Martinez, Calif., to develop a draft request for proposals. The \$470,000 contract has a July 2015 completion date.

The first steps began last week. Abaris held four public meetings with county emergency medical service stakeholders. About 100 people attended the four

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It's three in a row at Berklee fest for Idyllwild Arts jazz

BY MARSHALL SMITH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The upstart school from the West has made it three in a row at the annual Berklee High School Jazz Festival in Boston, Mass. This past weekend, for the third consecutive year, a jazz combo from Idyllwild Arts earned top honors at the national festival.

The school that no one at the most prestigious high school jazz festival had heard of crashed the scene in 2011 with a sextet and took first place in the most competitive category, jazz combo class 4. Class 4 schools are magnet and

performing arts schools and academies, and Idyllwild's top finish displaced schools long accustomed to a place in the winner's circle.

Idyllwild Arts jazz repeated its win in 2012 with a quartet and again finished in top position in 2013 with a sextet.

In addition to top combo honors, 10th grade guitarist Cameron Smith won the outstanding musicianship award, an honor which guitarist Lake Jiroudek also won in the 2011 competition.

For the first time, a singer was part of the Idyllwild Arts ensemble, senior Alex
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Ted Belden constructs an iconic Idyllwild for ICRC Speaker Series

BY MARSHALL SMITH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Ted Belden, son of Pinecraft Furniture originator Charles Selden Belden, headlines the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council's popular series on Friday, March 15. This is a not to be missed

opportunity for anyone interested in Idyllwild's history from the 30s through the 60s, and for devotees and collectors of the Pinecraft Furniture line, which Selden began creating in 1934 when the family moved here from Long Beach.

"Dad bought a lot in Pine Cove," Ted said. "At the time

lots cost from \$10 to \$50, it cost \$6 a year for water and we had no electricity or gas [propane]. He had a 1928 Hudson six-cylinder powerful enough to pull a flatbed that he used to haul lumber to build our house." Because they had no furniture, Ted remembers his dad began
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NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Monday, Feb. 25 to March 4, 2013:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

Feb. 27 — Medical aid, Saunders Meadow Road, Idyllwild.

Feb. 27 — Medical aid, Deerfoot Lane, Idyllwild.

Feb. 28 — Medical aid, Marian View Drive, Idyllwild.

March 3 — Medical aid, Double View Drive, Idyllwild.

March 1 — Cover assignment, Highway 243, Mountain Center.

March 1 — False alarm, Village Center Drive, Idyllwild.

March 1 — Cover assignment, highways 243 and 74, Mountain Center.

March 2 — Building fire, South Circle Drive, Idyllwild.

March 2 — Building fire, Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild.

March 2 — Medical aid, highways 243 and 74, Mountain Center.

March 2 — Special type of incident, highways 243 and 74, Mountain Center.

March 4 — Flood assessment, Fern Valley Road,

Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Report unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

Feb. 25 — Medical aid, 59200 block of Morris Ranch Road, Garner Valley.

March 1 — Structure fire, 54300 block of Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild.

March 3 — Refuse fire, Highway 74 and Pinyon Drive, Pinyon.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Report unavailable.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following calls from Thursday, Feb. 28 to Monday, March 4. This may not be a complete list of responses:

Feb. 28 — Solo vehicle crash with two injuries on Highway 74, east of Pinon Drive, in Pinyon.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls from Monday to Monday, Feb. 25 to March

Survey in high country shows more snow than last year

By MARSHALL SMITH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

A crew of Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit volunteers found 10 inches more snow than last year in its annual February snow survey. There was an average of 29.7 inches of snow and 9.5 inches of water content (if the snow melted it would produce that amount of water), said crew leader Lee Arnson.

On Sunday, Feb. 24, they surveyed three areas — Tahquitz, Little Tahquitz Valley and the Saddle. "If there is enough snow, we'll do another survey the last weekend in April," Arnson said.

In addition to more snow, Arnson said there was also a layer of ice that they had to break through to insert the measuring poles. Arnson said RMRU follows the same practices that have been long used to measure snow and water content in the high country — over a 500-foot

4, 2013. This may not be a complete list of responses:

Feb. 27 — Felony burglary, 50000 block of Bradford Road, Anza.



Lee Arnson, snow survey crew leader, on skis with measuring poles.

PHOTO COURTESY OF LEE ARNSON

swath, measurements are taken every 50 feet, a total of 10 per measuring site. "We go in on skis," said Arnson. "It's and all-day, 12-hour job. This is our 13th year of doing the survey."

Arnson said in the years of completing the survey, the deepest snow average in the measuring areas was 60 inches. The three Hill water districts as well as Lake Hemet Municipal Water District finance the survey.

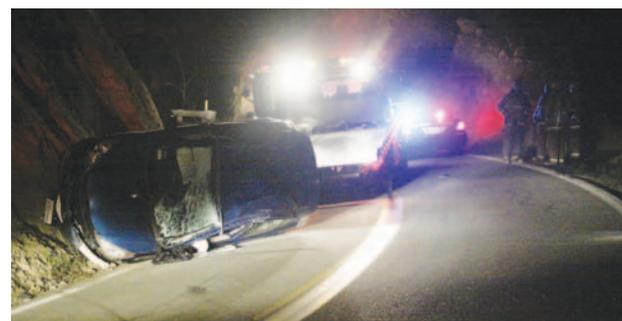
Feb. 28 — Felony grand theft, 38000 block of Hill Street, Anza.

March 2 — Felony vehicle burglary, 38000 block of Cary Road, Anza.



Idyllwild Fire Department responded to a structure fire in the 54000 block of Pine Crest Avenue about 6 p.m. Saturday, March 2. Smoke engulfed the residents; however the fire threat was quickly located and extinguished before serious damage occurred.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



A single vehicle traffic collision closed Highway 74 around 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, near Mile Marker 53.25. Joshua Bauer, 30, of Idyllwild was traveling eastbound and exceeding the 55mph speed limit. When Bauer failed to make a curve, he over-corrected, flipping his 2012 blue Toyota Prius C and hit the side of the mountain according to CHP Officer Bolon. Bauer was transported by ground to Hemet Valley Medical Center with minor injuries. The cause of the collision is still under investigation.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 3/7	Friday 3/8	Saturday 3/9	Sunday 3/10	Monday 3/11
63/38 <small>Chance of rain/snow.</small>	69/40 <small>Snow.</small>	72/41 <small>Chance of snow.</small>	70/39 <small>Sunny.</small>	69/39 <small>Sunny.</small>

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year				
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S	
2-25	51	23			64	35			
2-26	59	22			na	na			
2-27	56	26			na	na			
2-28	60	31			59	19	1.25	10	
3-1	na	na			49	29			
3-2	na	na			52	25			
3-3	na	na			53	26			

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Moisture in inches</p> <p>To date this season (Idy): 11.39</p> <p>To date last season (Idy): 14.43</p> <p>Total last season (Idy): 20.01</p> <p>To date this season (PC): 16.69</p> <p>Total last season (PC): 22.06</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Snow in inches</p> <p>To date this season (Idy): 28.9</p> <p>To date last season (Idy): 17.1</p> <p>Total last season (Idy): 42.1</p> <p>To date this season (PC): 29</p> <p>Total last season (PC): 73.25</p>
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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

A love letter to Idyllwild: Part 3 ...

After taking pictures at Idyllwild County Park, I had arranged for Les Walker to pick me up there and we drove to Lake Hemet.



After a stop at the Lake Hemet Market for beverages, I could not contain myself and started photographing the mountain peaks of the Desert Divide from the parking lot.

The long row of peaks — Apache, Spittler, Antsel Rock and Red Tahquitz — were shrouded in gunmetal gray clouds, yet the sunlight slipping through made them all glow. Everywhere you looked it was white; the white of freshly fallen snow, the white of snow undisturbed by foot prints or machines.

We headed to the lake. We were the first to drive down the road and the first to walk down to the shoreline. Everything looked black, white and gray as if nature had decided that only blackboards and chalk could capture this moment in time.

Les, his puppy Boulder, and I were the only signs of life. No fishermen lined the shore, neither eagles nor other birds penetrated the sky. The only other animal we saw was a lone mallard duck silently paddling away from us.

It was cold down near the lake; so cold that Boulder needed to go back to the car after a few minutes, so cold that I titled one of my photographs "Too Cold for Puppies."

On the other side of the fence, the campground sat empty. A long row of picnic tables, their tops and benches covered in snow, stretched out along the lake front looking forlorn. They clearly were waiting patiently for spring and adults sitting with them and chatting while the children climbed all over them.

We left the lake and headed to the Garner Cattle Co. gate, which is fast becoming one of my favorite places to shoot. Wide-open vistas boxed in with barbed wire fences lead the eye to a stand of pines. Behind the trees the San Jacinto Mountains rise up and the sun lights the lower elevations, but the peaks themselves remain shrouded in thick clouds.

We drove to Fobes Ranch Road and then through the heart of the valley to Morris Ranch Road. We stop only to open and close gates and to take pictures. Clouds and their shadows move across the sky and the sun peeks through now and again and changes perceptions and colors in an instant.

Finally we headed over to Tahquitz View Drive and just before the South Ridge Trail turnoff, we pulled over. Idyllwild and all the mountain peaks that surround our home were laid out before us in magnificent white splendor.

Our photo safari was finally done for the day and we headed home. Then I noticed that it was now high noon. I



Snow-covered picnic tables at Lake Hemet.

felt that time had slowed down while I gazed at one wondrous panorama after another and it all happened before lunch time.

March has finally come. My year of photography is now almost complete. But this love letter is incomplete until I mention the Idyllwild sunsets.

When conditions are right, the sky lights up with red, orange, pink, gray, puffy white clouds and patches of blue. In that moment, when the sun dips below the horizon, another day of beautiful possibilities has ended.



Another Idyllwild sunset.

PHOTOS BY BRUCE WATTS

Garden Club joins oak borer fight with roadside signs

By MARSHALL SMITH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Idyllwild Garden Club takes a major step in trying to stop further Goldspotted oak borer infestation in Idyllwild. It has commissioned and will install roadside signs advising against importation of oak onto the Hill.

"Our budget allowed for 10 signs," said Mike Feyder, Garden Club instigator of the sign project. At present the club plans to install signs at the intersection of Highway 371 and Highway 74 in Garner Valley, three more between Garner Valley and Mountain Center, several on Highway 74 coming from Hemet to Mountain Center, one in Mountain Center at the beginning of

Highway 243, one coming into Idyllwild and one each at the county and state park entrances.

Feyder said the sign will be 3 feet by 4 feet of durable corrugated plastic mounted three to 4 feet above the ground on posts. Signs are being produced and should be ready next week, said Feyder. "All this effort is going to do is announce that we have a problem and to increase awareness of the risks of firewood transportation."



Garden Club sign warning about oak transportation.

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Venue change for Wayne Parker's Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life will be held for Richard Lewis "Wayne" Parker at the Idyllwild Arts Academy Fireside Room in Nelson Hall (changed from Stephens Recital Hall) at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 8, followed by a dinner.

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Idyllwild Middle School students learn philanthropy

BY MARSHALL SMITH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Fifteen Idyllwild Middle School students volunteered to spend many after school hours learning and practicing philanthropy as part of a Youth Grantmakers program sponsored by the Community Foundation of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, and its Idyllwild affiliate, the Idyllwild Community Fund.

This is the first year the Community Foundation has provided grant maker training to middle school

students as part of its Youth Philanthropy Initiative. For four years, high school students in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties have learned about philanthropy, the vital role it plays in many community sectors, are trained to review grant requests, and finally to award grants to organizations whose work targets teen issues and needs.

Although ICF program organizers Trish Tuley and Dianne Suechika had initially worried about student turnout for this inaugural Idyllwild program, they



Students make the presentation to the group (from left, back to camera, **Rose Griesgraber, Prasad Peebles and Carmen Pratt.** PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

were ecstatic when 15 eager and interested students began filing into George Companiott's social studies classroom. "I thought we'd be lucky to get 10," said Tuley. "And I heard there were 10 more who were interested."

Middle school teachers Companiott, 6th through 8th grade social studies, and Donna Mercer, middle school special education teacher, recommended the budding philanthropists.

Last Thursday, Feb. 28, the first of six or more two-hour training sessions began after

school. Community Foundation Community Initiatives Coordinator Karen Lampert asked each of four teams to draw and describe their ideal philanthropist — who they are, what motivates them to give and to what community sectors they direct their gifts. Student teams worked together to come up with a picture and profile of their philanthropist and then described them to the whole group. Each team member had to participate, in both developing and making the presentation.

"Goals are one of the

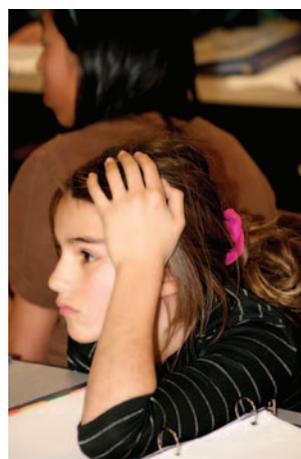


A student grant maker team in deep concentration is seen developing its picture of their ideal philanthropist (background left, **Rose Griesgraber, front left, Madasyn Hembree, Lexi McQueeey, Chance Vladika and Jadon Meskimen.** PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

things we want you to take away from this program, your own goals of how to improve the world," said Lampert.

Doug Austin, local philanthropist, spoke to the students about his goals and reasons for creating philanthropic funds that benefit the Idyllwild community. "To see another happy is very inspiring," said Austin. "We [Austin and wife Mary, now deceased] like to do it anonymously." In funding childhood literacy programs and scholarships, Austin said their motivation was "to see the next generation of children have the same opportunities as we did."

The students in the program are sixth and seventh graders, 11 to 13 years of age. Eighth graders are not involved this year since the intent is for the grantors to follow the grants the year after they award them. Idyllwild students will follow the same format as the high school students — learning about philanthropy, reviewing grant applications from



Deep in thought, **Amya Robinson.**

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Idyllwild organizations, and eventually awarding part of a \$4,000 fund.

The ICF provided the first of three \$2,000 grants to the program, for grant cycles 2013 through 2015. The Community Foundation matched the ICF portion, making a total of \$4,000 available for student-awarded grants in 2013.

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

Idyllwild Scholarship Fund

BY JAYNE DAVIS

The Idyllwild Scholarship Fund goes back to 1969 when three students were awarded scholarships — one for \$250, one for \$100, and one was a desk dictionary.

The organization has carried on since then as a federally tax exempt 501(c)3 organization. Annually, contributions are nearly \$12,000. Many Idyllwild youth have been awarded scholarships to further their educational goals. Last year the Idyllwild community donated well over \$11,000.

To be eligible, a student must have resided in the Idyllwild School attendance area with a parent or guardian for at least three or more years during kindergarten through eighth grade and for two of the four high school years.

Academic requirements are at least a 3.0 grade point average, or a minimum 1600 SAT score or ACT 20.

Involvement in school or community activities and a demonstration of intent to further education are other considerations.

Application packets may be picked up at Hemet High School, Idyllwild Arts Academy, and, for home-school students, at the Idyllwild School office in mid-March. Applicants must complete the packet, write an essay, and appear for an interview in front of the entire committee.

The 11-member selection committee is composed of representatives from local organizations as well as a few members-at-large and the Idyllwild School principal.

In 2012, nine of our kids were awarded scholarships: Alyssa Bondi, Adam Graham, Claudia Huizar, Paul Kennon, Robert Priefer, Hannah Sumrall, Jacob Swanson, Victoria Verbanic and Danielle Wampler.

Look in your mailbox soon for an opportunity to donate to this worthwhile cause, a long-standing Idyllwild tradition. Donations can be sent at any time to Idyllwild Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 778, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

All donations are tax deductible.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Christina Tirheimer, Kindergarten/1st Grade teacher at Idyllwild School, chose **Bailey Easley (left) and Edgardo Rincan** as students of the week for March 4. She says both are role model citizens and always try their very best.

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the *Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar*, see "On the Town," on page 9.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

- 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.
- Garner Valley Women's Club, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devil's Ladder Rd.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty
- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Idyllwild Rotary Anns, 11:30 a.m. Call 852-2306 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m., Creekside Inn, 54950 Pinecrest Av., Persons interested may show up or phone (951) 659-4910.
- Forest Folk, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.
- Soroptimist International of Idyllwild, 6 p.m., The Creek House, 54905 N. Circle Dr.
- English as second lan-

guage, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Idyllwild School Library, 26700 Hwy. 243.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Raw Food Potluck, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Nature's Wisdom.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

- 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, MARCH 11

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty (619) 895-0934 for location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, meditation from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive. Instruction and consultation available at 6:30 p.m.. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 659-5750 for information.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board meeting, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr. Call 659-6208 for information.
- Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 9:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- La Leche League, 1 p.m. Call 659-8321.
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Mountain Disaster Preparedness board meeting, a discussion of disaster assembly or aid stations, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Idyllwild Library Community room, 54401 Village Center Drive.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
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- Pine Cove Water District, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

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- Chamber of Commerce, 54325 North Circle Dr., 12-3 p.m. Monday-Saturday. 659-3259.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.
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Ready for the big one?

BY CHARLES FOJTIK

"Whoa! That must have been the Big One! I've been tossed 10 feet across the room and can see a mess and broken windows all around me.

Good, things have stopped shaking now and I can get up and walk.

OK, let's try the water. No, it's not working; power isn't either. Now what do I do? Where do I go?"

Yes, the "Big One" — the infamous earthquake — is coming. Unfortunately, no one knows when it will occur. What we do know is we can prepare, and once it hits we should go to the nearest Disaster Assembly or Aid Station (DAS) for information and assistance.

"DAS? What's that? Where is it?"

To find out where your DAS is located, how the DAS can help you in case of an area-wide emergency, and how you can help at the DAS, attend the next Mountain Disaster Preparedness Community Meeting from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, at the Idyllwild Library.

Marty Krieger, MDP Director of DAS Operations, will discuss the purpose and functioning of the DAS units, duties and responsibilities of DAS commanders and captains, unit inventories, maintaining DAS security while assuring ready access, and other important topics.

MDP particularly invites those who are interested in serving as a DAS Commander or Captain. Refreshments will be available.

For further information, contact MDP President Mike Feyder at 659-2647.



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INITIAL THOUGHTS

Sunshine week ...



With the return of Daylight Saving Time, I want to highlight the value of Sunshine Week, which begins Sunday, March 10, and continues through Saturday, March 16.

Sunshine Week is a national initiative to promote a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. Participants include news media, civic groups, libraries, nonprofits, schools and others interested in the public's right to know.

While democracy can be the most open form of government, that doesn't guarantee that it will be.

In the midst of the state's budget problems, the governor has often recommended suspending several open government requirements, including an important section of the California Public Records Act.

We can say citizens have a right to know how their tax money is being used and what the government is doing to their liberty, but transparency is not automatic.

Examples of the disputes and arguments about freedom of the press and right to know abound throughout our history up to the present.

Just last week, Robert Woodward, of Watergate Papers fame, was in the middle of a tete-à-tete over the origin of the initial sequestration proposals.

This debate quickly began to take on the tone of trying to intimidate or threaten the media. It will pass, but there will be partisans on both sides arguing that the truth was obscured and hidden.

Just several months ago, during the election season, partisans of both sides wanted the press to correct and grade statements made by the opposition party's candidates.

While these examples seem remote and perhaps beyond our local issues or concerns, I can offer several examples of when these sunshine laws have affected us.

First, as part of the Governor Jerry Brown's proposed budget, he recommends suspending the provision of the California Public Records Act which requires agencies to assist the public with their records' requests.

The CPRA allows you to directly request and receive information from state or local agencies.

One of the more important provisions for citizens first making a request is the requirement that public agencies help them shape the question and identify specifically what information is being sought.

Under the guise of a reduced budget, the governor may suspend this provision. So, our public servants are no longer required to help the public.

And here are some local examples of how sunshine laws have benefited the Hill. On page 8, you can read about the recently accepted 2012 Idyllwild Fire Protection District audit. Only a few years ago, the Town Crier learned through CPRA requests that the IFPD had done no audits for five years.

As the audits were completed, many substantive questions about the department's finances and assets were raised. Fortunately, the current commission has been addressing these concerns.

Another example of trying to limit your access to an agency which could affect you was the county's initial position that the recently created Historic Preservation District's board meetings were not subject to the open government provisions of the Brown Act.

This unofficial opinion has been reversed. So the new board, which will influence local downtown development, must act in the open.

What about the fact that the two local County Service Area Advisory Committees' meetings are suspended for months, perhaps longer? They are essentially dormant but the county didn't suspend collection of their parcel fees from taxpayers.

Sunshine laws and their provisions may sound opaque, dull and frivolous, but they are essential and necessary for a democracy.

J.P., EDITOR

READERS WRITE

Pets and birds of prey

EDITOR:

My husband Chuck and I have been residents of Fern Valley for 13 years. We have a small 3-1/2-pound Yorkshire Terrier dog.

We are well aware of the environment in which we live and do everything we can to protect her. We never let her out in our small enclosed back yard area without being with her.

We have deer, raccoons, coyotes, mountain lions, bob cats, owls, snakes and hawks in our area. All of which have been in our yard at one time or another. So, the only time our little Molly goes outside is to do her "business" or when we have her on a short leash.

Saturday afternoon in our little back yard, she was attacked by a large hawk, with me standing within eight feet of her.

I did my best to kick the hawk several times trying to make it let her go but it continued to drag her. They were rolling on the ground.

I was screaming, of course Chuck ran to assist. I was screaming, Molly was crying out and the hawk was screeching. It was a traumatic scene.

All of a sudden this man jumps into our little back yard and calls the hawk off.

You can only imagine our shock when we found this was his "pet" and had been brought to our neighborhood by a renter from the flatlands. Someone actually thought it was okay to bring a bird of prey to our Hill and then turn it out to "hunt" or stretch its sizable wings.

The gentleman was most apologetic, saying he had no idea how many little dogs there were on the Hill and that the hawk would not have killed our little dog. I could not tell that by the way it was on my dog.

He was concerned about our dog, stayed and gave us his email. When he left, I am sure he did not realize the trauma he left behind.

Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



Often times, the Invisible Man would keep a car seat and children's clothing in the back seat to avoid carpool lane violations.

We were left incredulous that someone thinks it was okay to let a bird of prey loose in a residential neighborhood, no matter how far from the city we are.

Little Molly was bleeding a little bit at her nose, but otherwise at first exam did not appear too injured. Little did we realize until later that she actually did have numerous scratches and was so traumatized, that she was in shock.

We called the emergency vet and knowledgeable friends for advice. Shock can be more dangerous than outward injuries to such a small critter. We did what was advised: keeping her warm and monitored.

Our purpose in writing is to warn owners of small pets that live or visit our peaceful little village that

there are dangers beyond our own wildlife. This hawk came out of the sky like a bullet. Neither Molly nor I saw it coming, it was so fast.

We have people who think it is perfectly sensible to bring "prey animals" to our Hill and let them roam.

Please watch your pets. We are such a dog-friendly community, to see that threatened is beyond words.

If the gentleman reads this [letter], I hope he realizes that we have hawks on the Hill, we do not need to have them imported.

There are wilderness areas throughout Southern California that would be much more appropriate for his pet.

VICKI STREETER
FERN VALLEY

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BEFORE OUR TIME

By ROBERT B. SMITH

Idyllwild furniture ...

Between 1925 and 1960, Idyllwild became widely known as a center for the manufacture of craftsman-style furniture.

Hal Holcomb, "the Rustic Man," started it around 1923 with his manzanita creations. When Holcomb moved away in the early 1930s, Ellis Griest and his Woodland Craft products came to the fore. But the master of the trade was Charles Selden Belden, originator of the Pinecraft line.

Belden was born in 1889 in Bridgeton, N.J. (coincidentally just seven miles down the road from my own first home in the South Jersey farmlands). His widowed mother had college ambitions for her five children, but Selden charted his own course. Dropping out of Oberlin, he headed west with a brother to homestead on the plains of Alberta.

Canadian farming did not go well for Selden, but he did meet and marry Coral Fowler. He also taught himself a good deal about building construction.

In 1922, the Beldens gave up farming and moved to Long Beach, Calif., where Selden opened a portrait studio. Finding that work too confining, he soon signed on with a relative as a traveling salesman for automotive maintenance equipment.

The turning point for the family was a 1933 Christmas-week stay at friends' Pine Cove cabin. Seeing an opportunity to cut living costs with a total change of



scene, they decided to move to Pine Cove.

With their Lynwood home rented out furnished, Selden immediately set about making a few pieces of pine furniture, as well as building the family a cabin.

Neighbors and friends admired his work and offered to buy pieces as fast as Selden could turn them out.

He also kept busy with cabin construction, until the prospect of an unusually stormy winter in 1937 led the family to return to Lynwood for several months. There they sold the house and that summer moved permanently to the Hill to launch the Pinecraft business as a full-time enterprise.

To gain greater exposure, the Beldens in 1939 bought property across Saunders Meadow Road from the Idyllwild School and built a workshop with upstairs living quarters. As the business prospered, Selden expanded his storage and manufacturing space. In 1951 the complex was rounded out with a new showroom on the corner of Highway 243 and Saunders Meadow Road.

After Selden died in 1952, his son Ted and widow Coral carried on the business, finally shutting it down in 1960. Coral lived until 1987 and was buried, fittingly, in a Pinecraft casket.

The corner showroom became Rowland's Pinecraft Restaurant, while the pioneer TV art instructor and Idyllwild resident Jon Gnagy took over Belden's original workshop building to house an art school and facility for producing his unique art kits.

The showroom has continued to house restaurants



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to this day. Most memorable was the Idyllwild Café, for many years a prime gathering place for local movers and shakers. Now it's the Mile High Café, where you can view a collection of historic photos of the Pinecraft facilities.

To learn more about the Pinecraft history and technology from Ted Belden himself, plan to take in the ICRC lecture at Silver Pines Lodge at 6 p.m. Friday, March 15.

And if you'd like a chance to have your own bit of this legacy, the Idyllwild Area Historical Society is offering a set of four Pinecraft bar stools in its annual raffle. Tickets will go on sale at the lecture and throughout 2013 at the IAHS museum on North Circle Drive.

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

Belden

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building furniture for the family originating the craftsman look of what became the Pinecraft line. Neighbors and friends began noticing what Selden was producing and wanted the furniture for their own cabins, with the result that what began as building for the family became a business with more demand than Selden could accommodate.

In order to handle the growing furniture business, the family moved to Idyllwild in 1939, where, as Ted pointed out, there was electricity that offered the opportunity to speed up production and fulfill growing demand for Selden's Pinecraft pieces. "Up to the

move to Idyllwild, Dad's furniture building had been low-key, almost making a living for us with customers mostly from the Hill," Ted remembered. "But the demand began to be greater than Dad could accommodate with hand tools. He needed machine tools, and that meant electricity. It also allowed for spray finishing the wood instead of the more time-intensive brush finishing. It improved the quality of the furniture and the speed of production."

What became the Belden furniture "factory" and warehouse was located at the site of the present Mile High Café near Idyllwild School on Highway 243. "Dad began developing a full line of upholstered furniture, including tables, chairs, beds and dressers. With

what he began making you could furnish an entire cabin just with Pinecraft."

The business grew, Selden added employees, and the Pinecraft line gained wider recognition. When Selden died in 1952 at the age of 63, Ted left graduate school at Stanford to return to Idyllwild to help his mother Coral run the business. Ted added his own touches to how the wood was stored and dried over a three-year period prior to constructing the furniture.

In 1960, the Beldens closed the business and Ted began a long career with IBM.

Belden's talk begins at 6 p.m., Friday, March 15 at Silver Pines Lodge. There is a wine and cheese reception at 5:30. Both are free to the public.

FIRE AND FOREST

By MIKE ESNARD, MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES FIRE SAFE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A Future to Aim For ...

It looks as if federal funding for fuel reduction in the national forests will be cut in this year's budget. The final budget may include more money, but given the various pressures on the Forest Service for other missions, I expect this reduction to stay.

With some recent exceptions, the pattern for fuel treatment dollars is that there is never enough for the work needed. While it is easy to understand the reasons, it is a bad system. We need a system that can free us of Washington politics, and I think the solution lies in biomass utilization.

Allow me to explain. Biomass refers to all the excess fuel that the forest generates — needles, leaves, branches, fallen trees, as well as the excess green trees crowding

into each other with insufficient space for healthy development.

Before the 20th century, this excess biomass was handled by fire, sometimes set by summer lightning, sometimes intentionally set by Native Americans. These fires were generally slow, low-intensity fires burning along the forest floor, cleaning out dead vegetation and the smaller trees. The result was a more open forest with fewer and larger trees. Forest animals also benefited from greater space and a greener forest floor.

But over the last 100 years, we made it a policy to put out wildland fires as soon as possible, thus eliminating fire as a natural feature of the forest. This led to the buildup of fuels, with many more trees per acre, and a great deal of dead vegetation.

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Idyllwild Fire 2012 audit complete; another deficit

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Idyllwild Fire Protection District commissioners unanimously accepted the 2012 audit (fiscal year ending June 30, 2012). The San Bernardino accounting firm

of Rogers, Anderson, Malody and Scott completed the audit and Scott Manno, a firm partner, presented the results to the commission during its Feb. 26 meeting.

Manno stated the district's financial statements present fairly, in all material respects,

the financial position of the agency and its major funds.

Unfortunately for the district, its operations continue to exceed its revenues; consequently, net assets declined \$50,000 more in 2012.

The \$94,000 loss in 2012 was the third consecutive year

of losses, although the losses continued to be smaller each year. Last year's deficit was about one-third of the 2010 loss and less than half of the 2011 loss.

Commissioner Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly asked if the commission should be con-

cerned about the streak of annual operating losses.

"Yes, that's the reason we review the budget each month. We are in a 'hand-to-mouth' budget; including going to the county because of no reserves," replied Commissioner Jerry Buchanan. "We're running 'hand-to-mouth' again this year and will likely need an advance [from Riverside County] next year too."

Revenue has fluctuated between \$1.6 million and \$1.8 million over the past six years. The district has cut expenses nearly \$350,000 since 2010, but they are still \$370,000 greater than 2007.

The long-term debt, as of July 1, 2012, was \$829,000. Pension-related costs and vehicle loans and leases represent the greatest share of the long-term liabilities.

Services

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sessions, according to Mike Williams, Abaris president.

The fourth meeting was at the Banning City Council Chamber and was the smallest in attendance, although the Hill stood out in numbers attending. Idyllwild Fire District Commissioner Jerry Buchanan and Fire Chief Patrick Reitz were there as well as three Pine Cove residents. County Service Area 38 Advisory Committee President Jerry Holldber, Vice Chair Marge Muir and resident Nancy Borchers attended and met privately with Williams after the open meeting.

The first part of the contract will be a top-to-bottom evaluation of the current emergency medical service system in the county. "The country's poised for health-care reform, so the evaluation is very timely," Williams said during his introduction. Then added, "Obviously some painful things have to be done."

Williams also stressed that his work was not simply to issue an RFP (request for

proposal) for ambulance transportation. "The county executive told me to design a world-class emergency medical services system," he said.

The trend in healthcare provisions and programs is for payment for value or results, according to Williams. Payments for services, such as ambulance transports, would be diminished. For example, according to data that Williams had, nearly 75 percent of responses to emergency medical calls in Riverside County resulted in transporting the patient to a hospital. That's more than 110,000 ambulance transports in 2012. The national average is 70 to 75 percent. Of those people transported to a hospital, 46 percent, less than half, were actually admitted.

On the Hill, IFPD transports on average about half its calls. The percentage of transports has grown from 35 percent in 2006 to nearly 53 percent last year. While the number of medical calls from Pine Cove has ranged from 10 to 13 percent, IFPD transports nearly 65 percent of Pine Cove calls.

Regardless of the idea put forward by County CSA

manager Bill Brown that the new ambulance contract could sweep Pine Cove into the county's ambulance service contract if the payment for transports declines, IFPD has a significant portion of its annual revenue in jeopardy.

"There is a lot of speculation at this point in time as to what 'Obamacare' means for EMS," said Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz. "There are new opinions and interpretations coming out all of the time, often contradicting something that had previously been released. About the only thing that we can all agree on is that healthcare, including EMS, is going to look very different than what it has historically."

During the discussion of which components of the current EMS system are working well or broken, local attendees were active participants. One of the system's problems, mentioned by Buchanan, is referred to as "wall" time. This is the time that ambulance units must wait at a hospital until emergency room staff decides what to do with the patient. While waiting at a hospital, a unit is not available for another emergency

call. This delay is exacerbated and more acute on the Hill because there are fewer available units.

During the discussion of a vision for a future system, Holldber said the Hill needs additional ambulance capacity, particularly during holidays and weekends.

"We're the playground for the county. Our population can go up 10 times," he said, "What we have now on the mountain top are not enough ambulances."

During his introduction, Williams said the evaluation was timely given the impending changes to healthcare provisions. And Buchanan clearly agrees, "I see this as a new opportunity. Everything is changing rapidly in Health Care and EMS. The change will give us and everyone in health care delivery systems the chance to evaluate how we do business. Williams and his associate both talked about the shift to value and I believe that as we study the possible methods to improve the value and begin to implement them we will become more, not less, sustainable."

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Thursday, March 7
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"Oz The Great & Powerful," 10 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, March 8
Kraffy Kids Art Class with Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m.;
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz,

5-6 p.m. Town Hall.
"Oz The Great & Powerful," 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's.
That's All Folk, 6:30-9:30 Jo'An's.
Don Reed & Tom McNeary, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

Saturday, March 9
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
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Grgich Hills Wine & Food Tasting, 6:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

"Oz The Great & Powerful," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, March 13
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.
"Oz The Great & Powerful," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Spring Dance Concert, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Thursday, March 14
"Oz The Great & Powerful," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Spring Dance Concert, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Friday, March 15
Kraffy Kids Art Class with Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m.;
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.
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Esther Kennedy, Spirit Mountain director, leaving

By Marshall Smith
Assistant Editor

Esther Kennedy, director of Idyllwild's Spirit Mountain Retreat Center, is returning to Adrian, Mich., the motherhouse of her Dominican order of Catholic sisters. A new director, Jill Breslau, arrives in June.

"It's been an extraordinary 11 years of my life and I have loved every minute of it," Kennedy said. "I feel welcomed and loved by the community. Idyllwild has been a playground where I could pull it all together as best as I could."

According to her board and the many community members who have attended programs at Spirit Mountain Retreat, her best has been remarkable. "Esther's loving presence and openness to the oneness of us all is the heart and soul of Spirit Mountain Retreat," board member Bronwyn Jones said. "She has touched our lives in so many ways and given us all a look at the power of the human spirit," Vice Presi-

dent Carol McClintic said. "She continues to inspire all she has touched in her presence." "She has been a tremendous spiritual leader and has made this center expand and grow immensely," board President Trischa Clark said.

Kennedy has been an innovator at Spirit Mountain Retreat, developing programs, gardens, and outreach to the Idyllwild community. Her contributions to the spiritual life of the Idyllwild community are the outgrowth of 59 years in her religious community.

"I came to Idyllwild on a retreat in 2001, then returned as director in 2002. There was a sense of peace here." One of the first things Kennedy did was to change the center's name, from Colombiere to Spirit Mountain Retreat.



Esther Kennedy, Spirit Mountain Retreat director.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

"We needed a name more reflective of this area. We had two main goals — to welcome more people from the community and create a greater sense of inclusiveness." Kennedy noted that community response, especially among women,

has been strong. "But we haven't found a way to encourage men to participate in this. That's an area we need to continue to explore. This is a critical time to create a place of safety, of generosity and to welcome each other into inner, personal and sacred growth. I believe this time is the last gasp of holding things as they were. It's a time of transforming consciousness. It is certainly worth giving one's life to."

At age 17, in 1954, Kennedy decided to enter the Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Mich. "It was not that unusual for young Irish Catholic girls on the south side of Chicago [to enter religious life]," Kennedy said,

"There were not that many opportunities for women at that time. One could be a teacher, secretary or get married."

Kennedy chose a life of service that included teaching in Chicago, development of programs at the campus in Adrian, and a sabbatical year of searching and experiential learning in India and Indonesia.

She said her desire to expand her understanding of Christianity's place in the world and its relation to other faiths grew out of Vatican II, Pope John XXIII's call for a religious community of inclusiveness, one of generosity of soul and spirit, and one with a regard for intellectual curiosity and an admonition not to be afraid to pursue new information.

Her immersion in the religious cultures of the Orient expanded her understanding of her own faith. "I learned what the East means by an experience

of God, not the study, just the experience of the sacred that is in all of life." Kennedy observed that Christianity had become very Westernized, very Roman, having veered away from its Semitic and Aramaic roots in the Middle East.

In India, at a temple part of Mother Theresa's compound in Calcutta, Kennedy recalled a transformative experience. "When I entered I felt something I can only describe as the divine feminine," she remembered. "I went to a corner and wept. There was a feminine presence so strong and powerful that it broke me open. It allowed me to see the divine in such an enormously large story [of faith] and how we see our Christianity in relation to Eastern religious traditions. The Christian story was larger than what I had previously experienced."

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

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

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Silver Pines Lodge.

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Family Country Dance, 6:30-

9:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Spring Dance Concert, 7:30 p.m.

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Saturday, March 16

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Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m.

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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 takes 1st place at Berklee College of Music jazz fest

For the third year in a row, the Idyllwild Arts Jazz Ensemble has captured first place in its category at the Berklee College of Music High School Jazz Festival in Boston, which took place on Saturday, March 2. Ensemble students are Alex Keller (senior), vocals; Carlos Del Castillo (senior), drums; Inigo Mantecon (senior), bass; Luca Jacaruso (junior), piano and Cameron Smith (sophomore), guitar, continued Idyllwild Arts' 3-year winning streak.

Cameron was singled out for the Superior Musicianship Award in Idyllwild Arts' class. Kudos to these six outstanding musicians, as well as to Paul Carman and Marshall Hawkins, their passionate jazz ensemble instructors.

Idyllwild Arts' first prize was in the S4 Class which is a category for specialized arts schools. The 2013 Berklee High School Jazz Fest, one of two most prestigious such events in the country, involved 5,000 students from 200 schools. Read the full story on page 1.

The other major high school jazz competition takes place April 25 to 27 in Reno, Nev. These same jazz ensemble students will also participate and hopefully defend their 1st place standing from 2012. Stay tuned.

Idyllwild Arts jazz series at Café Aroma

Augmenting the success of Idyllwild Arts' musicians, local resident, notable musician and music faculty member Paul Carman has developed a series of Jazz Nights showcasing jazz students. The series pairs a few select students with seasoned musicians — Marshall Hawkins, Barnaby Finch and Paul Carman.

"I thought this would give the students experience of performing in a professional setting. Playing at Café Aroma has prestige — it's the Carnegie Hall of Idyllwild," Carman said.

The series began in February and continues through May and has received an enthusiastic following among the Idyllwild community. "We've received very positive feedback," Carman added. "Everyone loves to support IAA students and to hear them play."

Annual spring student dance concert

The Idyllwild Dance Department is presenting its annual



Monday night, Idyllwild Arts students in the songwriting classes performed a concert of their own work, (from left) **Martin Budde, Jafari Sampson, Nicky Martin, Inigo Mantecon and Carlos Del Castillo** perform "Heartbreak" by Martin. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Spring Dance Concert which is always a highly-anticipated event both in the community and on campus. The Spring Dance Concert will feature 31 dance students performing eight pieces — one full-length act of Igor Stravinsky's "The Firebird" and seven short pieces.

This year's event will be comprised of a collaboration of classical and contemporary dance choreography by dance faculty chair Ellen Rosa Taylor, Jonathan Sharp, Stephanie Gilliland, Patrick Frantz, Lauren Smith, Robbie Cook, Hai

Jazz

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Keller. "Having a singer there is a very rare thing," Carman said, "and they [the judges] loved it that we were using a singer in this way [Keller sang a horn part]."

Of the win, Carman said, "Once again the discipline, focus and musicality of our jazz students was noticed and honored by the Berklee faculty judges."

"There were no usual comments [from the judges and audience], only speechless praise," Marshall Hawkins said.



Honored with an outstanding musicianship award, guitarist and Idyllwild Arts sophomore **Cameron Smith**.

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In addition to Keller and Smith, the sextet included Luca Jacaruso on piano, Inigo Mantecon on bass, Carlos Del Castillo on drums and Randy Plummer on sax.

Cohen, and Iris Pell. One of the short pieces is restaged from Rami Be'er, which was originally created for the Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Company. One of the other pieces is a restaging by Iris Pell of Bella Lewitzky's "Iris." The evening promises to be a wonderful celebration of dance.

The Spring Dance Concert will take place Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 13 to 15 at Bowman Theatre and, of course, the public is invited to attend this free performance.

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May 16th
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MAYOR MAX

Hello Dearest Idyllwild Community!

Here is a brief summary of my activities as Mayor Max of Idyllwild during the very busy month of February.

February 1-28. There were many activities that went on all through the month and in a higher number than usual. These included:

Meeting with visitors and residents downtown from the Mayor Mobile. This is my favorite thing to do. I love meeting people, wagging my tail, shaking their hands, and getting petted. I bark the minute my tie goes on as I know it means I'm going out to meet people.

We were able to do this just about every day and for a few hours each day. Visits also included going to the homes of friends and associates of people who had caught the flu and cheering them up with a visit, a Mini Me, and a few holistic-type remedies (honey, oranges, carrot juice, etc.) I am happy to report that everyone we visited is feeling much better.



(L to R) Mayor Max, Ember Campbell, An Lin Hunt-Babcock, Sylvan Campbell, MeiXing Hunt-Babcock, Sidney Cruz, and Abby See selling Girl Scout cookies at the USPS. Mayor Max was placing his order for \$100 of Girl Scout Cookies for his office staff, one in particular.

Promoting Idyllwild. We have continued to promote Idyllwild on Facebook and via marketing campaigns to another 15,000 CEOs in Southern California. The new campaigns have been very successful, and we have prepared over 500 custom responses to the outreach. The marketing campaign is an invitation to visit Idyllwild for meetings, conferences, vacations, or a day trip. Phyllis is currently scheduling meetings with CEOs that have requested a visit, and she is also preparing responses to requests for information on the meeting spaces in town. Specifically, CEOs are asking for meeting room sizes, floor plans, etc. She is also replying as Mayor Max (pet to pet) to CEOs that wrote as their pet. This happens a great deal. Here's a funny example. I changed the pet and owner name to protect their identity.

Hi, this is Milly, I'm the cat of Grant, whose son thinks he's my master, when in reality, I rule the house (with another cat and an annoying dog)... but I let my humans think they are in charge. Well our human father runs programs every once in a while and

(C) Mayor Max made an unprecedented number of personal visits from the Mayor Mobile in downtown Idyllwild at Idyllwild Gift Shop, Wooley's, Mountain Paws, Jo'An's, North Circle Drive, Bubba's Books, Nature's Wisdom, and Strawberry Creek Plaza. Off-Hill locations included freeway routes through California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, and Nevada.

looks for retreat or conference centers. I know that he has a friend who has a cabin in Idyllwild but he doesn't know much about the retreat centers. Since we like it when our human goes away, can you send him some info on your camp and retreat centers? That way, when they go away, we have a human who visits and she usually sneaks us a can of tuna.... So we like it when they are gone. We don't have anyone to sleep on top of, but that's ok. Tuna makes up for it... You can send him an email or even send it to his address below Thanks, Milly.

PS. I'm expecting kittens so I can use some chocolate-covered tuna if you ever find any.

February 3. Art Alliance of Idyllwild board meeting. I attended the AAI meeting with Phyllis. The plans and programs for AAI this year are fantastic, and it's a wonderful group. Please check out the AAI website, www.artinidyllwild.org to get all the details of upcoming events, and make sure you come to the Saturday, March 9th event at the Rainbow Inn from 6-9pm. I will be there to greet you.

February 6. ARF Fundraising Planning Meeting. I attended this very important meeting from the Mayor Mobile, pacing back and forth in the Jeep while I awaited the outcome of the discussions. Two very important decisions were made! My term as Mayor Max was extended for a second year. That made me



(L to R) Hailee Bella, Mayor Max, and Ashlee Nueske visiting in downtown Idyllwild.

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so happy, I barked and barked. AND, the new fundraiser for ARF this year will be a PET EXPO on July 13th. Mark your calendars for this very important event. It's going to be so much fun, and we will tell you much more about it as the date approaches. And remember, you can never do too much to help animals! If you know anyone that would like to adopt a pet or foster a pet or simply volunteer at ARF for a few hours a week, please contact ARF at www.idyllwildarf.com or call 951.659.1122.

February 7, 8, and 10. There were three important parties we attended. The Castillo Puppy Shower (7th), Cindy Ifould-Dahlstrom Birthday Party at Idyll Awhile (8th), and the Mardi Gras party at Barry and Monique Zander's home (10th). Thank you one and all for inviting me. I thoroughly enjoyed attending and love you all so much!

February 12-17. ROAD TRIP!! I helped Phyllis and Glenn stay awake while they drove for 6 days to and from Post Falls, Idaho to attend the beautiful and lovely wedding of Mike Reno to Patti Burton, now Patti Reno. Of course, Phyllis and Glenn HAD to drive since they won't go anywhere without me! What a wonderful time we had at the wedding. It was a fast but beautiful and fun trip. While we were there, we contacted the Mayor of Post Falls, Idaho, just to say hello! Also, on Valentine's Day, I sent my Valentine, via the ITC, to Copper Padula asking her to be mine. Happily, Copper accepted! ♥



(L to R) Mayor Max and Mini Me taking a much-needed nap after the 1500-mile 3-day drive to Post Falls, Idaho and just before attending Mike Reno's wedding to Patti Burton, now Patti Reno on Valentine's Day. Congratulations Mike and Patti. We love you!!

February 21. Forest Folk Meeting. I attended the Forest Folk potluck, always a great time. I can



Mike and Patti Reno married on Valentine's Day, 2013.

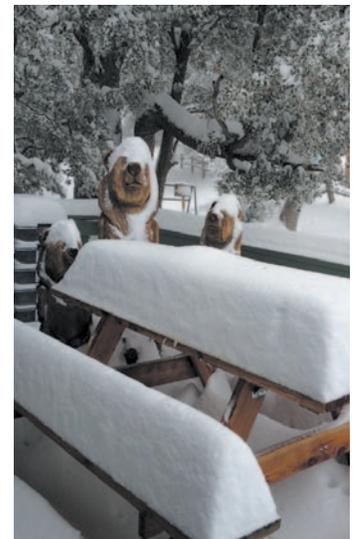
personally vouch for the quality of the food at every event. It's delicious! This, too, is a wonderful group to join, and we continued to make plans for the upcoming events for seniors and the future Senior Center. If you would like to help create the new Senior Center, you can help by donating to Forest Folk at P.O. Box 260, Idyllwild, CA, 92549. Thank you for your help. It is greatly appreciated!



(L to R) Mayor Max and Jimmy Shorters, Division Director, Riverside County Probation Department, Twin Pines Ranch

February 27. Twin Pines Ranch Visit. I visited with the 32 boys and all of the staff at the Twin Pines Ranch, a Riverside County probation facility for boys, age 15-18. I walked up to and asked for petting from each boy, and 30 of 32 petted me. Phyllis gave a talk about how doing good deeds and conveying unconditional love is a way to increase your level of happiness, and you

always have a choice to be nice or mean, but being nice makes you happy. The staff reported to us that we had a positive impact on the boys, and that the staff determined my visit to be very positive for the children. They have asked us to return on a regular basis, and we will do so.



(L to R) Momma Bear, Papa Bear, and Baby Bear dealing with 12+ inches of snow at the home of Mayor Max. We loved it!!

March 1. Girl Scouts of America. Please remember to purchase your Girl Scout cookies right away. The cookie drive ends on Sunday, March 10th, so don't delay! Thank you for helping the Girl Scouts of America. Also, buy lots of boxes because you can always give them to friends, family, and associates as well. The cookies are very tasty, and I know this from personal experience. While Phyllis and Glenn were running errands, I sampled a couple of boxes. The lemon cookies were my favorite. I left a nice array of torn cookie box cardboard and crumbs all over the Jeep which added a very nice bouquet to the car which I know Phyllis particularly liked as she was very vocal about it.

I love you all so much. Please stay in communication with me. I am always looking for you, and it makes me happy when you come over and pet me. I just love to see you and be in communication with you, one and all. If you need any help of any kind, please call me at my office, 951.659.0283.



MAYOR MAX

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Esnard

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Not too long ago policy makers realized the mistake and started to allow fire to resume its historic role in the forest. Unfortunately, the forests had accumulated too much fuel, and the resulting fires burned too intensely and destructively to simply let them burn.

Now we are in a predicament. The fuel levels are too high to let fires go, and there are more and more people threatened by fire. A safe option is to treat the forest by mechanical removal of vegetation, but it is expensive, and the need vastly outweighs the available dollars. So what to do?

I am increasingly convinced that the solution will lie in turning the excess biomass into useable energy, and using those resulting dollars to pay for the whole process of fuel removal.

Anyone who has seen a large fire's plume of smoke or walls of flame has had to reflect on the enormous amount of energy being wastefully released. This energy that could have been put to good use if it had been released in a controlled manner.

Fortunately, people have been working on this problem for some time. Around 2003, the federal government began to put together an interagency group — the Woody Biomass Utilization Group. It also began to include biomass utilization into its overall strategy for wildland fire management (National Cohesive Strategy).

Private companies have designed and built small electricity generating systems which are well-suited for rural areas. There are a growing number of successful projects



Idyllwild Garage played against Forest Lumber Monday night at Idyllwild School. Above, **Janey Espinoza** of the Garage bumps a shot back to waiting teammates, **Kirsten Torrez**, **Art Torrez** and **Maria Loutzenhiser**. Adult Co-Ed Volleyball playoffs and championship games start next week. At right, **Buddy Beagle** (left) and **Kyle Owen** (right) meet at the net during Monday's match between Forest Lumber and Idyllwild Garage.

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across the U.S. and Canada.

Our Fire Safe Council has been studying this issue or opportunity for more than a year now. While we are optimistic, we are also sure that it will require the co-operation of several major organizations, and that is our current focus.

When it will happen we can't say, but I am fairly sure that it will happen. Someday our excess biomass, as well as our household trash, will be generating electricity.

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Steele overcomes poor start

By JACK CLARK
PROFESSIONAL GOLF CORRESPONDENT

A two-over-par 72 was how Brendan Steele opened the Honda Classic last Thursday on the tough PGA National Champion Course in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. With this score, he was good enough for only a 102nd-place tie by the end of the tournament's first day.

Then on Friday, while knowing that he had to have a very good day to avoid the cut for the first time this year, he opened with a bogey on both of his first two holes and dropped to four-over-par.

Now he really had to work in order to make the cut.

But Steele's Montreal superfan, André Pilon, says that he follows the native Idyllwilder because "he never gives

up." True to that assessment, Steele bounced back in his last 16 holes on Friday, posting five birdies against no more bogeys.

Even with a bad start, he fired a three-under-par 67 for the day, which vaulted him into a tie for 43rd place. He even made the cut for the final two rounds with a stroke to spare. He now has made the cut in all five official PGA tournaments that he has entered this year as well as the last two from last year — seven consecutive cuts made.

One of Steele's Friday birdies was indeed spectacular. On the 535-yard par-5 third hole, Steele's second shot found the edge of the water hazard left of the green 34 yards from the pin. But his ball was sitting up in the water, nestled in a notch formed by two underwater cables. Steele doffed his shoes and socks, rolled up his pant legs and waded in.

He blasted his third shot up from the cables and onto the green only 12 feet from the hole, then sank the putt for a birdie four. When was the last time you saw a player hit into a water hazard and still make birdie?

Steele finished up on the difficult course on Saturday and Sunday with a 73 and 75, earning him a tie for 51st place at seven over par and \$14,040.

He now stands 53rd on both the money list, having earning \$293,947 this year, and on the FedEx Points list with 185 points.



Idyllwild School's boys' basketball team makes a basket early in their 36-15 win over St. John's Lutheran School.



One of several fast breaks Idyllwild school players converted in the victory over St. John's Lutheran School.

PHOTOS BY BARBARA REESE



Above, the girls' basketball team worked closely together in Wednesday's victory, continuing their unbeaten streak this year. At left, Addie Wilson heads for another basket for Idyllwild School's girls' basketball team on Wednesday afternoon. The Mountain Lions beat St. John's Lutheran School, 32-14.

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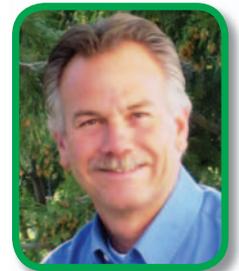
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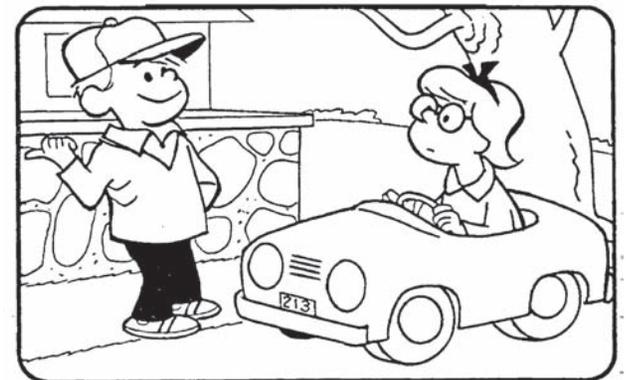
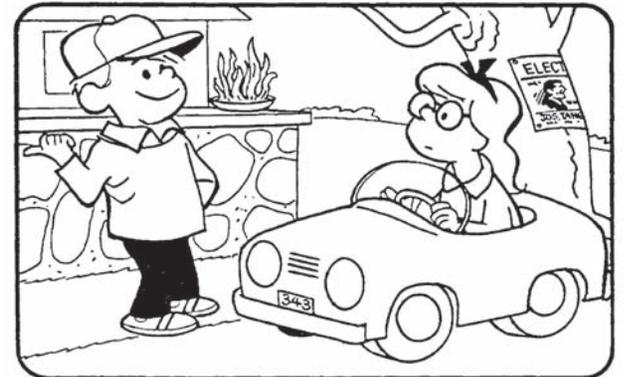
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Answers to Sudoku
(Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Crossword
(Puzzle on next page)

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SUDOKU

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CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 Humongous
- 4 Unfriendly
- 8 Took to the skies
- 12 Commotion
- 13 Eye layer
- 14 Emanation
- 15 1849 California event
- 17 Commotion
- 18 Campus digs
- 19 Trusty mount
- 20 "Yippeel!"
- 22 Create
- 24 Equal
- 25 Shirk work
- 29 Mess up
- 30 Analogy mark
- 31 Have debts
- 32 Paris airport eponym

DOWN

- 34 Winter transport
- 35 Guitars' smaller kin
- 36 Director
- 37 Put into words
- 40 Complaint
- 41 Stead
- 42 Source of wealth
- 46 Teensy bit
- 47 Vicinity
- 48 Junior
- 49 Former European capital
- 50 Sailing vessel
- 51 Day divs.

ACROSS

- 3 Cohort of Behar and Hasselbeck
- 4 Pungent dish in Indian cuisine
- 5 Egg
- 6 "- Miserables"
- 7 Doo follower
- 8 Zip up, maybe
- 9 Troubadour's instrument
- 10 Great Lake
- 11 Actress Sela
- 16 Entryway
- 19 Epidermis
- 20 Newspaper page
- 21 Present
- 22 Shopping centers
- 23 Lotion additive
- 25 Beauty spot

DOWN

- 26 Pepperidge Farms favorites
- 27 Basin accessory
- 28 Start over
- 30 Potential pickle, for short
- 33 Fall
- 34 Appear
- 36 Go by bicycle
- 37 Thick slice
- 38 One of The Jackson 5
- 39 A billion years (Var.)
- 40 Huffed and puffed
- 42 Festive
- 43 Man-mouse link
- 44 Neither mate
- 45 Type measures

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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: R. Anderson, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as HERK'S PLUMBING & HANDYMAN, 53645 Country Club Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 150, Idyllwild, CA 92549. ROBERT JACKSON MC CLELLAN, 53645 Country Club Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above 2002.

Signed:

ROBERT J. MC CLELLAN

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 14, 2013.

FILE NO.:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as LILY ROCKNATIVE GARDENS, 25220 Palomar Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1193, Idyllwild, CA 92549. BRONWYN ELIZABETH JONES, 25220 Palomar Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549; EDITH — BRIX, 52525 Idyllmont Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549; and JACKIE LYNN LASATER, 54480 Jameson 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:

BRONWYN ELIZABETH JONES

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With your practical side dominant this week, it's a good time to reassess your finances to see what expenses you can cut. Aspects also favor mending fraying relationships.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine-inspired determination to follow matters through from beginning to end pays off in a big way. Enjoy a well-earned weekend of fun with a special someone.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Aspects favor re-establishing business relationships you might have neglected. A family member's request needs to be given more thought before you make a decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) While you might appreciate the avalanche of advice coming from others, keep in mind that the intuitive Moon Child is best served by listening to her or his own inner voice.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's social life whirls at centrifugal speed this week as you go from function to function. Things slow by week's end, giving you a chance to catch up on your chores.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't let your stand on an issue cause a rift with a colleague. Insist on both of you taking time to reassess your positions while there's still room for compromise.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An opportunity you'd been hoping for finally

opens up. But read the fine print before you make a commitment, especially where a time factor might be involved.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your need to know what's going on behind the scenes leads you to make some bold moves. Be prepared with a full explanation of your actions if necessary.

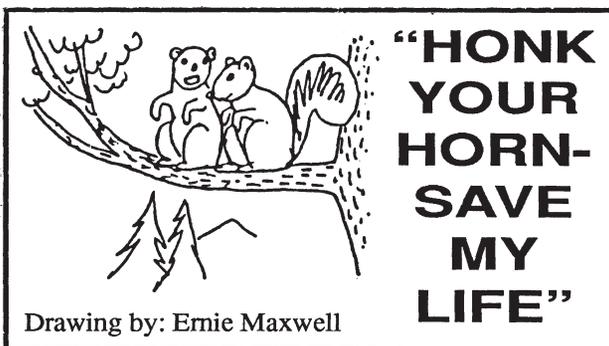
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A lot of details need tending to during the early part of the week. The pressure eases by the 20th, allowing you to get back to your major undertaking.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A friend asks you to act on his or her behalf in a dispute. Be careful. You might not have all the facts you need in order to make a fair assessment of the situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new development might require you to cancel some of your plans. But you adapt easily, and by week's end, you could receive welcome "cheering-up" news.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your recent workplace accomplishments boost your self-confidence just as you're about to consider a potentially rewarding, although possibly risky, career move.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of the arts is equaled only by your strong sense of justice. People can depend on you to always try to do what's right.



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Beware of tax traps

TAX TIPS

BY STEPHEN T. PEPLER, EA, CFP



State's office.

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Offices in the home are considered to be a red flag and an audit risk. Although they marginally increase the risk of audit, offices in the home are just one

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Passive activities such as limited partnerships are subject to a dazzling array of complex regulations. Upon dissolution, taxpayers can be subject to tax on "phantom income" that they never even received. When a partnership ceases, the entire history of

the partnership and yearly tax reporting often must be analyzed. On the other hand, suspended losses are freed when a limited partnership or rental is sold or terminated.

Much like with quicksand, when treading through our tax codes you can suddenly find yourself in trouble.

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Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 11, 2013.

FILE NO.: R-2013-01426

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: R. Anderson, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as COUNTRY MARKET, 24400 Canyon Trail Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: 24892 Rosebrugh Lane, Hemet, CA 92544. JANET KAY BOSS, 24892 Rosebrugh Lane, Hemet, CA 92544.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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Signed:
JANET K. BOSS

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 8, 2013.

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By: N. Medina, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as EDIFY YOU SUNLESS TANS, 46305 Portola Ave., Unit D., Palm Desert, CA 92260, Riverside County. SHANNON LAREY SMITH, 46305 Portola Ave., Unit D., Palm Desert, CA 92260.

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Signed:
SHANNON SMITH

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By: S. Romero, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MANGOS!, 83073 Avenue 48, Suite # C-3, Coachella, CA 92236, Riverside County. RAUL -- VARGAS, 48547 Chiriaco Smt., Coachella, CA 92236.

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Signed:
RAUL VARGAS

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By: B. Urias, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MANGOS!, 90480 66th Ave., Mecca, CA 92254, Riverside County. Mailing address: 48547 Chiriaco Smt. St., Coachella, CA 92236. RAUL -- VARGAS, 48547 Chiriaco Amt. St., Coachella, CA 92236.

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Signed:
RAUL VARGAS

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By: T. Jensen, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as VISION EVENTS, 720 Azalea Circle West, Palm Springs, California 92264, Riverside County. LORI TIEDEMAN INTERIORS, INC., 720 Azalea Circle West, Palm Springs, CA 92264, a California corporation.

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Signed:
LORI TIEDEMAN
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By: B. Urias, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as HIGHER GROUNDS, 54245 N. Circle Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 3262, Idyllwild, CA 92549. MARITHA — LAMP and DONALD EDGAR LAMP, 25980 Scenic Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

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Signed:
MARITHA LAMP

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 14, 2013.

FILE NO.: R-2013-01621

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LARRY W. WARD,
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By: C. Teran, Deputy

Pub. TC: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2013.

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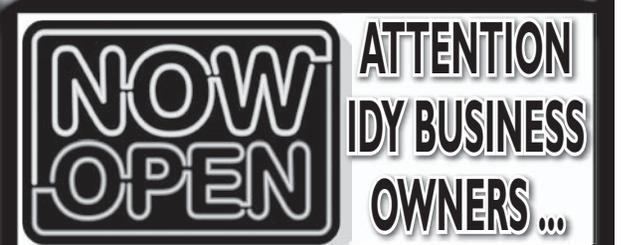
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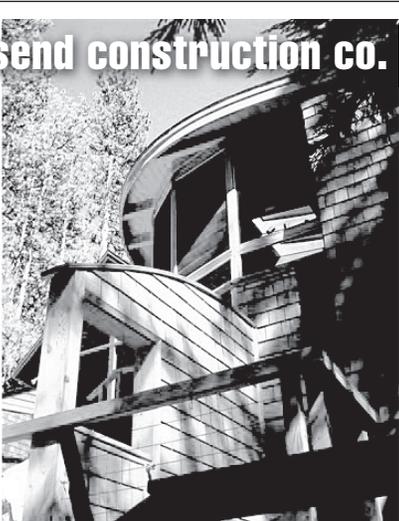
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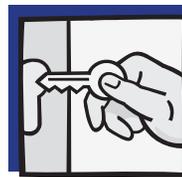
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Author to discuss *Esperanza Fire* book

John MacLean needed five years to complete work

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

On March 8, John MacLean will discuss his book "The Esperanza Fire: Arson, Murder, and the Agony of Engine 57" at the Rustic Theatre. MacLean spoke to the Town Crier, Sunday, Feb. 24, about the book and his writing on wildland fires.

This is the second part of that interview.

MacLean said the book is really two stories, the fire and the arson investigation and prosecution. On March 6, 2009, less than 30 months after the Esperanza Fire and the five deaths, Raymond Oyler was found guilty of both arson and murder.

You covered the trial and have said you believe Oyler's guilty?

"I've been in touch with Ray Oyler and I'll try to see him this spring," MacLean said. "He maintains he did not set Esperanza and won't talk about the other fires."

During their correspondence, Oyler has been polite and respectful, according to MacLean. In fact, Oyler advised MacLean to avoid sending him a book until a paperback version is available. The prison policy is to search incoming books and their covers for hidden tools, which would destroy the book.

"I wouldn't do that to

one of my books," MacLean said.

Having read the official reports from the Forest Service, CAL Fire, others, what is your opinion of them?

The legal machinations quickly assumed the highest priority, according to MacLean. The cautious and careful steps to ensure the prosecution was not impaired affected the fire investigations, in his opinion.

For example, for days and weeks, the chief Forest Service investigator was not allowed on the scene to avoid contaminating the evidence. Interviews were constrained because everybody was worried that someone might make a statement that would jeopardize Oyler's prosecution.

It wasn't a transparent process, MacLean stressed. In a process where professionals try to learn from mistakes, glean better procedures and improve results, much more reviewing and vetting of the reports would have normally occurred. MacLean opined. "It was less than exemplary."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Inspector General's report was delayed several years (November 2009), and MacLean felt that report was more accurate. But he stressed it takes time and many participants to review the document to improve its

accuracy.

This "vetting" process, as he referred to it, is one reason it took nearly six years for him to complete the book. "Why can't you wait and be thorough and vet it to learn the safety lessons?" he asked. "If the report is not good, then the investigative process isn't."

Do you believe any fire official put Engine 57 in harms way?

In an area ignition, it would have been difficult for anyone to survive, MacLean believes. The firefighters were in the area for structure protection and evacuation. "They were responsible for saving at least one life and maybe four," MacLean stated. "But the decision to set up and remain at the site [the Octagon House] remains on the shoulders of Engine 57."

Their job was to do structure protection. The Octagon House had a clean bill of health and CAL FIRE used it to set up in a previous fire, MacLean explained. "Engine 57 did its job," he concluded.

Since you have visited Twin Pines in the past several years, what did you observe and what opinions did you reach?

While multiple fires have occurred in same area as the Esperanza Fire and other deaths have occurred, MacLean accepts that it is a beautiful area where people like the view and land is cheap. "They'll always live on the ridge," he believes. "Nothing came from it."

What about the future and other wildland firefighting issues, e.g., aircraft?

Based on his three books, MacLean has observed an evolution in wildland firefighting. In 1994, the South Canyon fire killed 14 wildland firefighters. In 2002, they fought the Coal Seam Fire totally differently — the firefighters were pulled back. "Consequently, more than 20 structures were lost, but no people," he noted. "The evacuation at Esperanza was totally different than in the 2003 fires. The neighborhood was prepared and

In October 2006, five U.S. Forest Service firefighters — Captain **Mark Loutzenhiser**, Fire Engine Operator **Jess McClean**, Assistant Fire Engine Operator **Jason McKay** and firefighters **Daniel Hoover-Najera**, and **Pablo Cerda** — perished in the tragic fire.

calling each other."

He doesn't foresee a single federal firefighting force. "CAL FIRE is trained for structures. Why not have different units fighting fires? The Fish and Wildlife Service does a lot of firefighting and the National Park Service does its own job. Realistically, that's the way it will be," he said. "There are inter-agency hotshot crews and it doesn't matter whether the fire is in Virginia or Colorado. Making everything the same doesn't make sense.

"An up-to-date air force is too much money in a period of austerity," he added. "That would make the biggest difference, a whole new air force, but there's no money nor will power."

MacLean will also be signing his book Saturday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the District Ranger office on Pine Crest Avenue. The Forest Service Volunteers Association is sponsoring this signing. You can bring your book or purchase one there.

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CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

The diva **Miss Jezebelle**, purrs, "If you are a lover of the feline crowd, you simply have to walk through the ARF cattery door and you're in cat heaven. You will either stay here forever, or you will not be able to resist gathering a couple of these fur babies into your arms forever." For the month of March, cats are two for one. And many already know who they would like to be adopted with.

Like **Carly** and **Sadie**, twin sisters that absolutely love each other. They are close to a year old and can often be found enclosed in each other's arms in the cat tree. Sadie is a bit more adventurous and playful, but always tries to entice Carly out.

Furball Bill and **Johnny** were part of the five cats abandoned on the ARF porch. Both are young, friendly and playful. Bill is an orange tabby and Johnny has Manx markings.

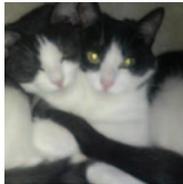
Meow Meow and **Heidi** have been litter mates and friends forever. They tragically lost their human, and together they have forgotten the past. Moving on, they would love to stay together, in your arms.

Clarence, the Siamese mix, **Mr. Grey**, and **Tommy** are open to suggestion. Clarence is the room greeter, Mr. Grey is inquisitive, but at a distance, and Tommy is all about talking it over.

Lachi is a 2-year-old female that is quite shy at first. And our last surprise on the ARF porch was **Sunkist**, Sunny for short. She is soon to have kittens, just in time for spring!

ARF has many cats and dogs available for adoption or fostering. Go to www.arfidyllwild.weebly.com and click on Petfinder. All pets are spayed, neutered, and current on shots. ARF is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays. Call (951) 659-1122 or email info@idyllwildarf.org for appointment on any other day.

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65 years ago - 1948

The proprietor of Thorn's General Store, Pine Cove, advertised, "I'll sell you stuff if you'll hunt me up. It's too cold to be at the store every day."

60 years ago - 1953

Ernie Maxwell was a member of the snow crew team that trekked Tahquitz Valley to complete the sixth-annual snow survey. Ten test holes were sunk to come up with an average depth of 45.7 inches.

55 years ago - 1958

A queen was being sought to reign over the upcoming Bear Festival sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of the San Jacinto Mountains.

50 years ago - 1963

The Coordinating Council met to discuss plans and problems at Town Hall. A way for financing the community facility was sought.

45 years ago - 1968

San Bernardino National Forest celebrated 75 years.

40 years ago - 1973

Idyllwild's town center rang with the report of gunfire when members of the Southern California Gunfighters' Association held competitions for style and speed. They were shooting blanks.



Idyllwild School's 2008 Science Olympiad team placed third among 15 teams from three counties. Pairs of students competed in 23 events. Idyllwild students earned first- through fourth-place medals in 12 events. Science teacher **Lenore Sazer-Krebbers** coached the team.

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35 years ago - 1978

Pine Cove Property Owners Association (PCPOA) asked Caltrans to install flashing red lights at each approach to Dead Man's Curve on Highway 243 in Pine Cove. Caltrans officials would not permit it, even at PCPOA's expense.

30 years ago - 1983

Banking got easier for Hill residents when a Security Pacific Bank branch opened in Idyllwild. Previously, customers used a mobile office that came to Idyllwild each Tuesday.

25 years ago - 1988

The pros and cons of

the \$15 million Idyllwild-area sewer project were debated once again during an all-day hearing at Town Hall conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

20 years ago - 1993

Margaret Williams, in an interview detailing her long residency on the Hill, described what it was like for commuters in 1929. "It was a one-way road [from Hemet] and we would hold the flag until there were enough cars to go, and they would hold the cars coming the other way."

15 years ago - 1998

Michael Mileham and

Jeff Craig announced that pre-production would soon take place on "Hook, Line & Sinkers," a murder mystery set at Lake Hemet.

10 years ago - 2003

MedData, a medical billing company employing about 28 local people, announced it would close its Idyllwild office.

1 year ago - 2012

Hemet High School teacher Janel Ramirez, 31, was arrested on suspicion of having had sex with a student.

The Idyllwild career firefighters accepted a seven-percent pay reduction.



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Amanda Taylor (left) talks with **Karen Metz** and **Les Suderman** at her art show and birthday party Friday at the Living Room Gallery.

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Ronald Singerton (right) talks about his art with **Pete Francis** at the Grand Re-Opening of the Singerton Gallery over the weekend. Singerton Gallery relocated to a larger space within Village Centre Plaza last week.

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Bald eagles count continues March 9: Volunteers needed

The Forest Service needs volunteers to help count bald eagles for the annual winter bald eagle counts in and near the San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains. Saturday, March 9 is the final count of the 35th season of bald eagle counts. The first two days, in December and January, successfully spotted local eagles. The February count was cancelled because of poor weather conditions.

A total of twelve eagles were observed during the count in January, including at Lake Hemet. Many of the 183 volunteer eagle-maniac counters saw an eagle during the census.

Migrating eagles typically begin arriving in the area in late November and leave in late March or early April. During the winter, Southern California bald eagles are typically found at many of the lakes, including Big Bear Lake, Baldwin Lake, Silverwood Lake, Lake Arrowhead, Green Valley Lake, Grass Valley Lake in the San Bernardino Mountains and Prado Dam, Lake Perris, Lake Hemet, Lake Skinner, Diamond Valley Lake, Lake Matthews, and the Salton Sea to the south.

Concurrent bald eagle counts are held at Big Bear Lake, Lake Arrowhead, Lake Silverwood, Lake Perris, and Lake Hemet. Volunteers are stationed at vantage points around the lakes, where they watch for bald eagles during a 1-hour period on the count mornings. Volunteers record their observations on maps and data sheets. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch a glimpse of our breathtaking national symbol. A brief orientation is conducted prior to the count so volunteers know where to go and what to do.

Through radio-tracking bald eagles, biologists learned that some of the same individual eagles return to the San Bernardino Mountains year after year. They also determined that there is a lot of movement of eagles between the different mountain lakes and that the lakes do not have distinctive separate populations—the eagles



Adult eagle at Big Bear Lake.

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regularly move between the mountain lakes.

No experience needed. Signing up ahead of time is unnecessary – just show up at the designated time and location, dress warmly, bring binoculars and a watch.

Volunteers planning on going to the Lake Hemet count should meet at the Lake Hemet Market at 8:30 a.m. for orientation. Contact Anne Poopatanapong (apoopatanapong@fs.fed.us or (909) 382-2935) for more information.

Breeding populations of bald eagles in Southern California were extirpated by the late 1950s. Until reintroduction efforts began in the 1980s on Catalina Island, the southernmost nest site known in California was in Lake County.

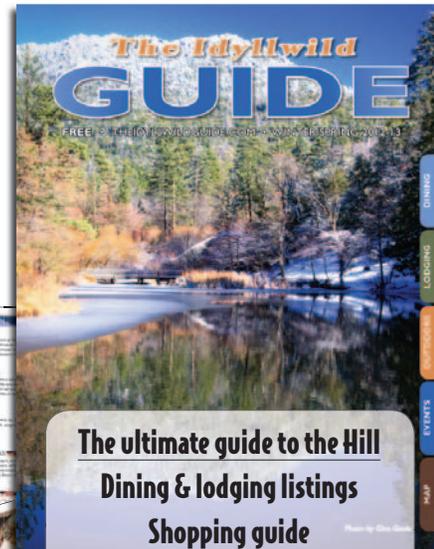
Since 2003, several pairs of bald eagles have made the Southern California mountains permanent homes. They built nests and have successfully raised families. Nesting bald eagles can now be found at Lake Hemet, Lake Skinner, Lake Matthews, and Big Bear Lake.

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