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Esperanza part 3: lessons learned

By David Jerome
Editor

Over the last two weeks we have delved into one of the great tragedies of our community, the incident during the 2006 Esperanza Fire that took the lives of an entire U.S. Forest Service engine company: Pablo Cerda, Daniel Hoover-Najera, Jess McLean, Jason McKay and their captain Mark Loutzenhiser.

This was also an unprecedented loss within the Forest Service, and the events that followed brought to the surface many of the currents within the agency's culture surrounding investigations, and the care of colleagues and family members of fallen firefighters.

Investigators determined that the fire was caused by arson, and Raymond Oyler was convicted not only of arson, but also of murder, and is still incarcerated with a death sentence. But the internal investigation, to many of those involved, seemed focused on fixing blame on firefighters, retraumatizing both them and the families who had lost their loved ones.

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Poultry on parade, as these giant chickens prepared to cross the road during the Halloween Parade. PHOTO BY DAVID DEMARCO

Feds try to intercede in state election processes in final days before vote

By JP Crumrine

In the two weeks prior to this month's election, the U.S. Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security have tried unsuccessfully to intercede in California's election process.

The initial action was a request that the State be prohibited from counting the mail-in ballots of 20,000 individuals in the state until their citizenship status could be verified. Their ballots were to be separated and not counted until the DOJ confirmed the citizenship of each person.

On Nov. 2, the day before the election, the Trump DOJ continued to ask permission to intercede in the election. The most recent appeal asked the U.S. Supreme Court to order California to temporarily set aside ballots from more than 20,000 people the Justice Department claims may be noncitizens who illegally cast votes.

The Supreme court declined to take up the appeal.

In the third separate judicial opinion of last week, on Friday, Oct. 30, Judge Trina L. Thompson of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California concluded her opinion with the following admonition, "Defendants shall not threaten, intimidate or coerce state or local elections officials or workers to demand that they halt processing the ballots of any registered voter solely on the basis that the ballot belongs to an individual alleged by Defendants to be ineligible to vote. . . Defendants shall not demand that any state or local election official (i) remove specific registered voters from their statewide voter registration lists." Her ruling came in response to a request for a temporary restraining order filed by unions representing election workers.

In an Oct. 26 letter to Riverside County Registrar of Voters Art Tinoco, the DOJ said it was providing a list of 1,355 individuals, and that ballots from these individuals should be collected. The DOJ did stress that the ballots were not to be purged.

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Bianco files claim for Sheriff's Department's legal costs in ballot seizure cases

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

Rebuffed by the judicial system in his efforts to investigate the ballots from the November 2025 special election, Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco is now seeking to have the County pay the legal costs he incurred in defending his ballot seizure actions.

On Oct. 16, Bianco's attorney, Bradley Hertz, filed a claim for damages, unspecified, but exceeding $10,000. These were incurred in four civil proceedings, including the ones initiated by California Attorney General Rob Bonta, and their appeals to the California Supreme Court.

It is the county's responsibility to pay for these costs because they ". . . arose directly from Claimant's actions and decisions in his official capacity as the elected Riverside County Sheriff, including the conduct of an investigation by the Sheriff's Department and the handling of election-related materials," Hertz argued in his filing.

The draft agenda for the board's Nov. 3 meeting includes a closed-session discussion of this claim.

Hertz's basis for filing the claim was that these costs were incurred as a result of actions taken by Bianco in his official capacity as County Sheriff, he took as a result of being the County Sheriff and pursuing an investigation.

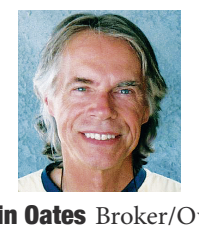
In late February and early March, Bianco began the investigation of alleged voter fraud in the Proposition 50 Special election after there were claims of voting fraud. The Riverside Election Integrity Team, a citizen group concerned about election process, had alleged that there was a difference of 45,896 between votes cast and the number of actual ballots counted.

Riverside County Registrar of Voters Art Tinoco told the Board that this figure was exaggerated. The difference was only, in his opinion, 103 ballots.

In March, after Bianco began to seize the ballots, Bonta tried to intercede and stop the action. Bonta said he was disappointed that Bianco ignored his directive. Ultimately, he and citizen groups filed lawsuits opposing the taking of the ballots.

However, in April after a closed session, the Board's general counsel Minh Tran reported that the Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 against paying the legal fees of a private counsel who Bianco retained to defend these actions.

"This action reflects the board's responsibility to ensure that the use of public funds is appropriate, transparent, and consistent with County processes," Supervisor Jose Medina (1st District) said later that day. "Requests for outside counsel must be carefully reviewed and must meet that standard. I remain committed to protecting taxpayer resources and upholding the public's trust through responsible oversight."

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Feds

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On Oct. 28, U.S. District Judge David O. Carter denied the request, which went to several counties. Even before he issued his decision, the DOJ had filed an appeal.

Earlier, in a rare Sunday session on Oct. 25, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals heard the arguments. It dismissed that premature appeal on Oct. 26. Two of the three judges stated that the federal government "failed to allow the district court adequate opportunity to consider" their initial request.

Next, the DOJ sent subpoenas to several California county election officials requesting information about possible registered voters and correspondence with federal officials.

Riverside County was not a recipient of a subpoena request, according to Elizabeth Florer, the Registrar public information officer, who said in an email to the Town Crier, "We have not received a federal grand jury subpoenas in service of the Trump administration's claims about noncitizen voting."

In his opinion, Carter strongly criticized the DOJ's actions: "Never before in American history has the federal government, on the eve of an election, sought to coerce a state and local government to abandon their own Constitutional elections procedures and bend to the will of the Executive Branch."

"This request violates longstanding constitutional principles mandating that states have control over their elections," Carter concluded.

After Carter issued his opinion, California Attorney General Rob Bonta, whose office filed briefs opposing the temporary restraining order and seeking to dismiss the suit, said: "No administration can disenfranchise thousands of individuals or disrupt an ongoing election based on highly unreliable claims of non-citizenship. Today's ruling is yet another important victory for the rule of law and the right to vote. But this fight is not over. We will keep fighting to protect California's elections from unlawful federal interference and get this baseless lawsuit dismissed."

Two weeks earlier, federal prosecutors across California charged 28 people with illegally registering to vote or voting as noncitizens. "Not all of those people had voted in past elections; those charged amount to 0.0001% of the state's 23 million registered voters," according to CalMatters.

In September, federal officials tried to intercede in the Nevada election. They claimed nearly 16,000 people registered to vote in the state were noncitizens. Several weeks later, the Department of Homeland Security submitted a list which identified 185 Nevada residents.

Nevada officials said their review showed that all 185 people on the list were citizens.

"As for the 185 individuals, our records indicate that they were citizens," Greg D. Ott, a deputy attorney general in Nevada, wrote, according to a copy of a letter sent to Department of Homeland Security officials obtained through open records requests, according to the New York Times. "You have provided nothing of substance to suggest otherwise."

On Oct. 29, U.S. Rep. Norma Torres (Calif.-35), a member of the House Administration Committee, joined Representatives Mark Takano (Calif.-39) and Raul Ruiz (Calif.-25) for a visit to the Riverside County Registrar of Voters ahead of the Nov. 3 general election.

Riverside County Supervisors Karen Spiegel (District 2) and Yxstian Gutierrez (District 5) also participated in the visit.

During the visit, they toured the county's ballot processing center and met with Tinoco and Assistant Registrar Matthew Ceballos. They described the election administration procedures, ballot processing operations, and safeguards designed to protect the integrity of the voting process.

"Our elections are safe, fair and secure. We strengthen our democracy by building confidence in our elections," Ruiz said after the tour and session. "Today, I visited the ballot processing center and saw firsthand the care and professionalism that go into protecting every ballot and ensuring that every voter has an equal opportunity to participate in our democracy."

"My message to every voter is very simple: Know your rights, have a plan, and vote early. If you have concerns about your voting rights or need election information, call the California Secretary of State's voter hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)."

Pedestrian struck by vehicle

Art Connor, Town Crier contributor and manager of the Record Collector, was sent to the hospital on the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 26, when he was struck by a vehicle while on foot. The incident took place near the Record Collector, where Pine Crest and Maranatha meet. The driver took a corner too quickly for Connor to get out of the road, he said, and Connor received minor injuries requiring stitches.

As the incident occurred close to the Idyllwild Fire Protection District station, IFPD staff were able to render first aid quickly and transport Connor to Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs. Coincidentally, the Forest Folk free shuttle was in the desert that afternoon and was able to bring Connor home.

Locals know that intersection is complicated, with a four-way intersection with northbound 243 having no stop, and then the Maranatha/Pine Crest "Y" intersection where Pine Crest has the right of way.

Halloween in the Rain



Dear editor:

What a great Idyllwild Halloween we had, despite the weather! Shout out to Stephanie Yost and her band of ghosts and goblins arranging the last-minute relocation of the "Fun Zone." I know she has a large band behind her, names of which I do not know. But, I do appreciate you as well. Thanks to the fire station crew for welcoming us into their home on such a short notice. You were so welcoming and so very helpful in setting things up. The "barn" was such a great solution. Was it crowded? Absolutely. Was it fun? Yes.

I would like to personally thank the membership of the Friends of the Idyllwild Library. Your annual membership sponsors many of the things we do. Our annual Halloween book distribution was, yet again, a great success. We handed out over 150 books ranging from baby board books to teen chapter books. Your support is felt in the community, both inside and outside the physical library building. Thank you for that.

Because of the relocation, I wasn't able to observe the parade route or the fun downtown, but I heard it lived up to the Idyllwild Halloween tradition. I love our little town. Next up - Tree Lighting!

Luanne Galizio
Friends of the Idyllwild Library Board Member



Reveler gets into the swim of things as Halloween parade participants gathered in Fern Valley.

PHOTO BY DIANA ORR

Voting spirit on Halloween

Dear editor:

Over the span of two days I witnessed a spirit of community and goodwill in Idyllwild, weeks before the Winter Holiday season.

On the eve of Halloween, I spotted a small group of residents across from the Monument holding "VOTE" signs. At Fairway Market, another group was collecting food donations. Near the Idyllwild Library, was a colorful painting spelling out "VOTE," created by a local artist and displayed by a separate local community group.

Three civic actions, with one shared spirit: residents making the effort to encourage civic participation, help others, and strengthen their community. It was uplifting to observe.

The following day, Idyllwild Rotary Club, together with collaboration from local nonprofits and businesses, sponsored the annual Halloween Parade and Carnival. The event brought its usual blend of imaginative costumes, camaraderie, and goodwill. Along the parade route, a candy bonanza for children offered a mountaintop alternative to knocking on doors in rural neighborhoods.



Artist Rob Padilla had a message for passers-by this week

PHOTO ALTA KAVANAUGH

In just two days, I witnessed the best of Idyllwild: community involvement, generosity, and neighbors coming together. Our mountain town has already shown the spirit of the Winter Holiday season.

Mary Rider
Idyllwild

Kudos to Stewart for Creek Trail maintenance

Dear editor:

During our big wind storm numerous trees (mostly old oaks) fell on the Strawberry Creek Trail and it was a bit risky until they were cut and the trail was clear. It's still wise to look up occasionally of course.

Big Kudos to Shane Stewart for getting his crew to clear the trail within days. Thank you Shane for giving us this beautiful walking trail along the creek and keeping it clear.

A bench along the creek was obliterated when an ancient oak fell on it. Ouch! Many of us sit there and enjoy the sounds of the creek. Certainly glad the trail angels watched out for us when that tree came down.

This week a small group of us who walk the trail frequently got together and put a new bench together. Linus our canine supervisor pronounced it sturdy and a special place in our forest. All are welcome to walk and sit.

Alta Kavanaugh
Idyllwild

HELP PRESERVE IDYLLWILD'S HISTORIC CHARACTER!

Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District is seeking volunteers to serve on the Idyllwild Historic Downtown District Local Review Board. Members review proposed property alterations, help preserve the District's historic character, and attend public meetings as needed. Members serve unpaid two-year terms.

Applicants must live within three miles of the Historic District. One of the five members must have knowledge of architectural and construction techniques.

Apply and learn more:
rivcoparks.org/idy-historic-preservation-district

Idyllwild Weather

source: www.accuweather.com

Day	High / Low	Conditions
Wednesday 11/4	59 °F / 42 °F	Sunny and cool
Thursday 11/5	62 °F / 42 °F	Mostly sunny
Friday 11/6	68 °F / 35 °F	Partly sunny
Saturday 11/7	73 °F / 35 °F	Sunny and warm
Sunday 11/8	71 °F / 40 °F	Sun through high clouds
Monday 11/9	68 °F / 38 °F	Mostly sunny
Tuesday 11/10	68 °F / 38 °F	Spotty morning shower

Coming Up!
Community Calendar

LIVE MUSIC • See page B3

Thursday, November 5

8:30–9:30 a.m. Jazzercise
Town Hall. Contact ICC for enrollment and pricing.

10–11 a.m. Fit After 50
Town Hall. Free; donations welcome.

10 a.m.–noon Yarn Club
Idyllwild Library. Bring knitting or crochet projects; all levels.

2–6 p.m. Kids Korner after school
Town Hall. Ages 5–14. Registration required; $25/day.

2 p.m. LISTEN Retreat
Buckhorn Camp. Continues through Nov. 8, 3 p.m. Admission $175 (three nights) or $150 (two nights); required lodging extra.

FEATURED THIS WEEK

5–8:30 p.m. Town Crier's 80th anniversary

Middle Ridge Winery, 54301 N. Circle Dr. Music, buffet, raffle, silent auction and Ernie Maxwell slideshow. Free admission; buffet $10.

Friday, November 6

8:30–9:30 a.m. Jazzercise
Town Hall. Contact ICC for enrollment and pricing.

9:45–10:30 a.m. Tai Chi
Town Hall. Free; donations welcome.

10:45–11:45 a.m. Yoga for Seniors
Town Hall. Free. Bring a mat if available.

noon–1 p.m. Chair Exercise Class
Town Hall. Seated exercise. Free; donations welcome.

2–6 p.m. Kids Korner after school
Town Hall. Ages 5–14. Registration required; $25/day.

6:30–8:30 p.m. Super Science Night
AstroCamp, 26800 Saunders Meadow Rd. Lab demos, experiments and stargazing. Optional donation.

7:30 p.m. The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts. Fall musical; contact organizer for tickets.

Saturday, November 7

8:30–9:30 a.m. Jazzercise
Town Hall. Contact ICC for enrollment and pricing.

10–11 a.m. Little Music Makers
Idyllwild Library. Children's music, movement and instruments.

10–11 a.m. Time to Plant Bulbs
Community Garden, Alderwood and N. Circle. Learn daffodil planting with Bob. $10; RSVP to Garden Club.

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Microscopes and Arts & Crafts
Idyllwild Nature Center. Park admission: $6 adults, $3 children.

2 p.m. Spelling Bee performance & talkback
Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts. Performance and cast/crew talkback.

3–5 p.m. 25 Cats from Qatar & Catopia fundraiser
Rustic Theatre. Film, director discussion, raffle, silent auction and adoption bus. Contact theatre for tickets.

7:30 p.m. The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts. Fall musical; contact organizer for tickets.

Sunday, November 8

9 a.m.–2 p.m. Idyllwild Farmers Market
Town Hall. Local vendors.

2 p.m. The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts. Fall musical; contact organizer for tickets.

3 p.m. Sunday Snake Feeding
Idyllwild Nature Center. Park admission: $6 adults, $3 children.

Monday, November 9

8:30–9:30 a.m. Jazzercise
Town Hall. Contact ICC for enrollment and pricing.

10:30–11:30 a.m. Tai Chi
Town Hall. Free; donations welcome.

noon–1 p.m. Chair Exercise Class
Town Hall. Seated exercise. Free; donations welcome.

2–6 p.m. Kids Korner after school
Town Hall. Ages 5–14. Registration required; $25/day.

5:30–6:30 p.m. Jazzercise
Town Hall. Contact ICC for enrollment and pricing.

6:30–7:30 p.m. Senior Cabaret workshop
Town Hall. Registered workshop; $55 for the series. Contact ICC about joining.

Tuesday, November 10

7–8 a.m. Jazzercise
Town Hall. Contact ICC for enrollment and pricing.

10–11 a.m. Fit After 50
Town Hall. Free; donations welcome.

noon–3:30 p.m. Mah Jongg
Idyllwild Library. Community Room. All players welcome.

2–6 p.m. Kids Korner after school
Town Hall. Ages 5–14. Registration required; $25/day.

5–6:30 p.m. AI 101 with Taylor Ragano
Idyllwild Library. Taylor Ragano introduces everyday AI tools, prompting and safe use.

5:30–6:30 p.m. Jazzercise
Town Hall. Contact ICC for enrollment and pricing.

Wednesday, November 11

8 a.m.–6 p.m. Kids Veterans Day camp
Town Hall. Bring a meal; registration required. Contact ICC for pricing.

8:30–9:30 a.m. Jazzercise
Town Hall. Contact ICC for enrollment and pricing.

10:30–11:30 a.m. Yoga for Seniors
Town Hall. Free. Bring a mat if available.

noon–1 p.m. Chair Tai Chi
Town Hall. Free; donations welcome.

5:30–6:30 p.m. Jazzercise
Town Hall. Contact ICC for enrollment and pricing.

6:30–7:30 p.m. Senior Cabaret workshop
Town Hall. Registered workshop; $55 for the series. Contact ICC about joining.



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Later dates

Thursday, November 12

3:30–4:30 p.m. • Adult Craft: Jar Leaf Lanterns

Idyllwild Library. Adults and teens; supplies provided.

4:30–5:30 p.m. • Mountain Philosophy Group

Idyllwild Library. Adult discussion group, Community Room.

6–9:30 p.m. • Pulp Fiction Screening & Q&A with Paul Hellerman

Rustic Theatre. Screening, documentary and Q&A with Paul Hellerman. Rated R.

Friday, November 13

7:30 p.m. • New Works Staged Readings

Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts. Student-written, directed and performed works.

Saturday, November 14

9 a.m. • Bird Walk & Talk: Winter Birds of Idyllwild

Idyllwild Nature Center. Walk at 9 a.m.; lecture at 10. Park admission: $6 adults, $3 children.

10–11 a.m. • Building Raised Beds

Community Garden, Alderwood and N. Circle. Raised-bed workshop; $10. RSVP to Garden Club.

11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. • Peter Kindfield book reading & signing

Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 CA-243. Explorations in Ecology: Playful, Science-Rich Outdoor Activities for Children and Their Adults.

Sunday, November 15

1:30–3 p.m. • Peter Kindfield book reading & signing

Speakeasy Book Market, 54440 N. Circle Dr. Explorations in Ecology.

Friday, November 20

7–10 p.m. • Music Is Magic: ICC Senior Cabaret

Town Hall. Doors 7 p.m.; show 7:30. $15; reserve through ICC.

Saturday, November 28

2–6 p.m. • Idyllwild Tree Lighting Ceremony

IdyPark. Booths 2 p.m.; entertainment 4 p.m.; lighting approximately 5:10 p.m.

Recovery meetings

Thursday, November 5

noon–1 p.m. AA — Thursday Noontime Discussion
St. Hugh's Episcopal Church. Open meeting.

Friday, November 6

7–8 a.m. AA — Friday Morning Open Discussion
St. Hugh's Episcopal Church. Open meeting.

noon–1 p.m. AA — Friday Noontime Discussion
St. Hugh's Episcopal Church. Open meeting.

1:30–2:30 p.m. AA — Desire to Stop Drinking (Closed)
Idyllwild Community Church. Closed meeting.

5:30–6:30 p.m. AA — The Ark of Light
The Ark of Light. Open meeting.

Saturday, November 7

noon–1 p.m. AA — Idyllwild Nooners Big Book Study
St. Hugh's Episcopal Church. Open meeting.

5:30–6:30 p.m. AA — Happy Hour / As Bill Sees It
Idyllwild Water District. Outdoors behind office; bring a chair. Open meeting.

Monday, November 9

noon–1 p.m. AA — Idyllwild Nooners' Discussion
St. Hugh's Episcopal Church. Open meeting.

7–8 p.m. AA — Women's Literature Study (Closed, Women)
St. Hugh's Episcopal Church. Closed meeting; women only.

Tuesday, November 10

noon–1 p.m. AA — Idyllwild Nooners' 12 x 12 Study
St. Hugh's Episcopal Church. Open meeting.

6–7 p.m. AA — Tuesday Book Study
St. Hugh's Episcopal Church. Open meeting.

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Times are local. Confirm details with organizers. AA: Open meetings welcome observers; closed meetings are for people with a drinking problem who want to stop.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MUD ALCHEMIST, 54425 NORTH CIRCLE DRIVE #5, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing address: PO BOX 1244, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.

MUD ALCHEMIST, LLC
PO BOX 1244
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

State of LLC: CA

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

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
FREDERICK CAIN
MANAGING MEMBER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 10/09/2026
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CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/are doing business as BRUCE AND ZUKA LOCKSMITH INC., 23840 ROWE DRIVE, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92557. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

BRUCE AND ZUKA LOCKSMITH INC.
23840 ROWE DRIVE
MORENO VALLEY, CA 92557

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

State of Corporation: CA

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

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
ALEXANDER ERIC APODACA
CEO

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following fictitious business name AA LOCKSMITH, 23840 ROWE DRIVE, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92557, COUNTY: RIVERSIDE, has been abandoned by the following person(s):

AA LOCKSMITH
23840 ROWE DRIVE
MORENO VALLEY, CA 92557

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

State of Corporation: CA.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on 03/13/2025.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Signed:
ALEXANDER ERIC APODACA
CEO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 10/09/2026
FILE NO. R-202503408

Pub. TC: October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 2026

CVME 2613158
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 27401 MENIFEE CENTER DRIVE, MENIFEE, CA 92584, Branch name: MENIFEE JUSTICE CENTER.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: KAILA WILSON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: HALO BRIELLE CUMBERBATCH changed to Proposed name: HALO BRIELLE WILSON.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 02/04/2027. Time: 8:00 am.

b. The address of the court is same as noted above Dept. M205.

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

Date: 09/28/2026

BELINDA HANDY
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT **Pub. TC: October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2026**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BLACK OAK STUDIO, 61380 CEDAR AVE, MOUNTAIN CENTER, CA 92561.COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing address: NORTH CANYON VENTURES LLC, PO BOX 23, MOUNTAIN CENTER, CA 92561.

NORTH CANYON VENTURES LLC 61380 CEDAR AVE
MOUNTAIN CENTER, CA 92561

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

State of LLC: CA

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

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
CARL DEWESE
MANAGING MEMBER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 09/01/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202612637

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 29, November 5, 12, 19, 2026

CVME2613157
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 27401 MENIFEE CENTER DRIVE, MENIFEE, CA 92584, Branch name: MENIFEE JUSTICE CENTER.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: ETHAN ANTONIO WHITEHEAD filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: ETHAN ANTONIO WHITEHEAD changed to Proposed name: ETHAN ANTONIO RODAS.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 01/28/2027. Time: 8:00 am.

b. The address of the court is same as noted above Dept. M205.

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

Date: 09/23/2026

BELINDA HANDY
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT **Pub. TC: October 29, November 5, 12, 19, 2026**

CVME2613368
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 27401 MENIFEE CENTER DRIVE, MENIFEE, CA 92584, Branch name: MENIFEE JUSTICE CENTER.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: EZEQUEIL JIMENEZ MANCINAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: EZEQUEIL JIMENEZ MANCINAS changed to Proposed name: EZEQUIEL JIMENEZ MANCINAS.

b. Reason for name change: My name on my birth certificate was written incorrectly. My first name was spelled wrong and should have been "Ezequiel". They also put Jimenez as my middle name and Mancinas as my only last name when my last name is correctly written as Jimenez Mancinas. I have no middle name.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 02/11/2027. Time: 8:00 am.

b. The address of the court is same as noted above Dept. M205.

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

Date: 10/21/2026

BELINDA HANDY
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT **Pub. TC: October 29, November 5, 12, 19, 2026**

CVME 2613846
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 27401 MENIFEE CENTER DRIVE, MENIFEE, CA 92584, Branch name: MENIFEE JUSTICE CENTER.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: MARIA E FRANCISCO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: MARIA E FRANCISCO changed to Proposed name: MARIA ELENA ESTEBAN.

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

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Date: 10/27/2026

BELINDA A. HANDY
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: November 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

LIEN SALE

On 11/16/2026 at 614 ALABAMA ST UNIT Y REDLANDS, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 1999 TRACK HULL: BUJ02476F899 STATE: CA CF#: 8215PF at 10:00 AM.

Pub. TC: November 5, 2026

LIEN SALE

On 11/16/2026 at 614 ALABAMA ST UNIT Y REDLANDS, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 1999 TRLSR VIN: 4TM13KD11XB001116 STATE: CA LIC: 4BC6601 at 10:00 AM.

Pub. TC: November 5, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/are doing business as A MOMENT TO BREATHE WITH MELISSA, 40050 DELMAR CT, AGUANGA, CA 92536, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

ON POINT VENTURES, INC.
40050 DELMAR CT
AGUANGA,CA 92536

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

State of Corporation: CA

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

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
MELISSA A. BROWN
CFO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 11/02/2026
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R-202615665

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CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: November 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that Lockaway Storage, 1181 N. State Street in the city of Hemet, County of Riverside, State of California, will sell at Public Auction to be hosted online at www.StorageTreasures.com on November 19, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. by the undersigned that a public lien sale of the following described Personal property. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: household items, misc. furniture, boxes, misc. tools & equipment. This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of section 21700 ET. Seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.

H1 - Ybanez Alonzo
B117 - Valenzuela Jason
E132 - Hein Douglas J

Pub. TC: November 5, 12, 2026

LIEN SALE

On 11/20/2026 at 1625 HAMNER AVE NORCO, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 1979 KAWASAKI VIN: 1KZT00B532619 STATE: CA LIC: ST0991 at 10:00 AM.

Pub. TC: November 5, 2026

LIEN SALE

On 11/20/2026 at 779 N. BUENA VISTA ST. HEMET, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2003 NISS VIN:JN1AZ34E73T015781 STATE: CA LIC: 7ZVA879 at 10:00 AM.

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LIEN SALE

On 11/20/2026 at 779 N. BUENA VISTA ST. HEMET, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2008 STRN VIN:1G8ZS57N88F256776 STATE: CA LIC: 8FSZ852 at 10:00 AM.

Pub. TC: November 5, 2026

New State School Superintendent's job changes

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

This week, voters had a choice between Sonja Shaw and Richard Barrera as the new state superintendent of public instruction. Regardless of the election's outcome, the job and its responsibilities will change as a result of legislation this summer.

Management and oversight of California's educational policies will be changing. Most of the authority for the elected state superintendent of public instruction will be transferred to a gubernatorial appointee pursuant to Assembly Bill 181, which was passed and signed in July.

California's next governor – Xavier Becerra or Steve Hilton -- will have a bigger say in how schools are run through appointment of a new commissioner tasked with overseeing the California Department of Education.

Currently, the state superintendent, an independently elected official, runs California's Department of Education and serves as administrative lead for the state Board of Education. The governor appoints most members to four-year terms; however, the superintendent does not have a vote on the board and must follow board authority in some areas but not others.

The legislature passes laws related to education and the governor signs or vetoes them. The governor proposes the budget for the Department of Education and all educational programs. The legislature passes the budget. The superintendent does not enact the state budget.

For years, this separation of both policy and management has caused confusion throughout the state and especially in local school districts. Under current law, the state superintendent has influence on educational policies, but no direct control over the budget.

Now, the next governor will place a major stamp on the state's education programs with appointment of the first education commissioner. That person will have about six months to develop findings and recommendations for governance, consolidation and streamlining at the state level of education programs and policies.

An interim report is to be submitted by June 30, 2027. After review and consultation, a final report containing its findings and recommendations is to be submitted by Oct. 1, 2027 to the governor and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature.

One major consequence of this sequence of actions is that the newly elected state superintendent will have less power to set policy.

In January, the California School Boards Association said, "The logic behind Gov. Gavin Newsom's proposal to unite the State Board of Education with the California Department of Education and reshape the role of the state superintendent of public instruction echoes the arguments CSBA has long made for reforming the state's education apparatus to move beyond disconnected and sometimes conflicting programs, policies and budget decisions."

About a dozen states, including California, split the authority of the state's education system between an elected state superintendent and the governor. In most states, either the governor or the state board of education appoints the top education official.

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Perez presents $10,000 to Mountain Communities Mutual Aid

By David Jerome
Editor



For a second year, Supervisor Perez has helped MCMA keep their foodshare program running.

PHOTO BY MALORY CREMIN

Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and several members of his staff visited the Mountain Communities Mutual Aid food distribution at the Idyllwild LDS Church on Thursday, Oct. 22, to present a check for $10,000 to help the group continue its work. This is the second year that the group has received this support from Perez's office. MCMA is a project under the umbrella of the Idyllwild Forest Help Project, a 501(c)3 founded by Mark Yardas and Mara Schoner.

The supervisor's deputy chief of staff and liaison for Idyllwild, Grace Garner, told the Town Crier, "we really love what this organization has done, how much food they serve the community. They are a really vital resource." She praised the volume of participation in the effort by members of the community. "The amount of volunteers they bring in is incredible."

MCMA co-founder Mara Schoner told the Town Crier that the group fields, on average, 50 volunteers for each foodshare, not counting those who deliver boxes to those unable to pick them up. Schoner pointed this out as an aspect of the program that makes it special. "Many of our food box recipients need a delivery and many people volunteer to deliver to their neighbor when they pick up their boxes."

Schoner also shared an important piece of news, a new location. "We will be moving to Calvary Chapel hopefully in Nov. LDS has been amazing over the years for our summer distributions as well as Camp Maranatha. Pastor Wally and his congregation at Calvary Chapel was doing a food distribution for 11 years before we came along. They have had a break for 6 years and are enthusiastic about hosting MCMA there now. We are very excited about this partnership."

"We are so grateful for his support and the support of his office," Schoner added. "We will use the money to purchase food and goods. While we encourage donations from people who get the food boxes, we do not require them which means we have to look for support elsewhere. Donations from the Supervisor, as well as from ICF, Rotary, the Idy Youth grantmakers, the Soroptimists and more makes all the difference."

The latest figures submitted by the foodshare to FIND Food Bank show that during October, the two distributions served 368 households with 1,110 people. This included 247 over 65 years of age and 327 children 18 and under, 16 homeless people, 76 homebound, and 43 veterans.



Volunteers prepare produce boxes at the MCMA food share. The program will move to Calvary Chapel in Mountain Center.

PHOTO BY DAVID JEROME



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FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY



Esperanza

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Last week, we presented two competing narratives: the Esperanza Fire Accident Investigation Factual Report prepared by the U.S. Forest Service and Cal Fire, and the Esperanza Factual Report Analysis, written by the four surviving F.S. captains present that day. The analysis amounts to a rebuttal of the Factual Report, finding fault with many of its assertions.

The media have not generally digested these competing narratives. Much of what has been written about the Esperanza Fire seems to follow the Factual Report and does not cite the Analysis.

In its concluding paragraph the Analysis spotlights an underlying problem with the Cal Fire/USFS report; "The firsthand accounts given by the four San Jacinto Engine Captains and assigned firefighters, who were the only eye witnesses to both the entrapment as well as the events immediately preceding the accident do not appear to be taken into account…" To the contrary, the analysis states, "witness statements made by those outside the area of the accident site are more heavily weighted… and thus inaccurately portray" events.

There was also a report from the United States Department of Agriculture's Office of Inspector General (OIG), which bore out most of the Analysis. The OIG report noted that some firefighters refused to cooperate with investigators, fearing criminal prosecution, as had resulted after the first two investigation conducted following the government's Serious Accident Investigation Guide (SAIG).

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited the Forest Service for a number of violations, which the service agreed to remedy. The remedies included providing more timely weather information, better maps, and better training on personal protective equipment.

Esperanza was one of the first three fatality incidents investigated by the Forest Service under the procedures laid out in its 2001 SAIG.

The first two investigations, of the Cramer and Thirtymile fires, resulted in criminal prosecutions of firefighters, even though the SAIG states that "except for factual data, this information is not intended to be used for purposed such as: Evidence… to determine civil/criminal misconduct of agency personnel…"

The SAIG categorized four types of factors in an accident: Human, Material/Equipment, Environmental, and Management/Administrative. The goal was find and distinguish immediate and root/systemic causes. However, many who were caught up in investigations like the one into Esperanza felt that the SAIG focus on cause often led to blame, which often landed on the person closest to an accident, who often had the least power.

The Forest Service's 2007 Action plan addressed these issues across both the technical and human spheres:

- Mapping would be improved in high risk areas, especially the wildland urban interface communities, and these maps would be distributed to the firefighters who needed them.
- The Forest Service would work to better integrate its fire management plans with Mountain Area Safety Taskforce pre-fire and emergency planning, including Cal Fire.
- Serious Accident Investigation Training was updated to include clarification about reporting requirements, collateral investigations, protocol info about Critical Incident Stress Debriefing, union involvement, report writing, and documentation for near-miss incidents

The service would develop and integrate into their investigation process lessons learned from Esperanza. This would include an emphasis on the priority of life over structure protection, and would be part of a wider review of risk management principles.

Forest Service Chief Chris Fogle, one of the authors of the Analysis, explained to the Town Crier that although the investigators did not listen to the story the writers of the analysis presented at the time, "a small group of us, who refused to accept that this was the best that could be done, kept pushing."

Speaking of the cultural change within the Forest Service, Fogle named several colleagues, among them Kristel Johnson, who "grabbed experts from different fields in the Forest Service to create a class called 'You Will Not Stand Alone.'"

This class was created with the USDA's Wildland Fire Lesson Learned Center in Tucson, Ariz. The program focuses on policies and procedures for casualty assistance to families, the importance of liaisons between families, hospitals and agency administration, and stress management.

Another problem that surfaced after Esperanza is that contact information was not always updated, and some families heard of the loss of their loved ones through the media, instead of a trained liaison.

Local teams are now trained, and these teams can call on a national Care Team. The class was taught three times a year for over ten years, and now additional training cadres have taken it around the country and it is part of the training for leadership

The Forest Service's 2022 WiIdland Fire Metareview 2007-2016 begins by mentioning the events leading up to the adoption of the interagency SAIG in 2001, and the negative impact of the investigations conducted under its standards into Thirtymile, Cramer, and Esperanza.

"Incident-involved individuals became increasingly unwilling to tell their story due to fear of legal liability or being used as a scapegoat for the agency," according to the metareview's authors. "As a result, an untold number of organizational learning opportunities were lost," and leadership "became concerned" that "firefighter fatalities would continue to rise."

The metareview goes on to chronicle the increasing emphasis on safety in the Forest Service, with the goal of zero work-related fatalities. As part of this effort, in 2013, Chief Thomas L. Tidwell "officially endorsed the learning-based approach to accident investigations, proclaiming the learning review" as the replacement for the SAIG. The other four federal agencies with wildland firefighting missions continued to use the SAIG, with the recent version dated 2013. Their firefighting assets and people have since been united in one new agency, the Wildland Fire Service.

The Forest Service's model is now Facilitated Learning Analysis, FLA. The interagency Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center describes the approach in its implementation guide.

The FLA guide begins with a lesson from industrial safety studies: "(P)eople of all organizations will get away with an unsafe act more than 300 times before a serious accident or true tragedy occurs. In all workplaces, as many as 30 near miss events can happen, or even 10 minor accidents, before this eventual much more serious incident eventually occurs."

Rather than an investigation, the FLA process is a "group problem solving exercise" without punitive intention. There is still a flow chart which includes dishonesty, recklessness, and substance abuse as actions that may lead to punitive action, but the emphasis is on understanding the perspectives of all those involved. The process aims for a "non-blaming posture that attempts to always seek the what of what happened and not the who."

A video produced by the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center begins with an interview with a burn boss who recounted the anxiety and dread they felt at the beginning of an FLA, slowly turning into relief as they came to understand the points of view of other firefighters on the incident, and to find themselves understood.

The approach seems to have produced results. Fogle said the annual number of fatalities among wildland firefighters has since declined, saying that in 2006 it was around 22 but is now around 18. That may seem a modest improvement, but it means four more firefighters returning home, and is 20% better.

A graph in the Wildland Fire Metareview separated out Forest Service firefighting fatalities, supporting the thesis that the changes have had an effect.

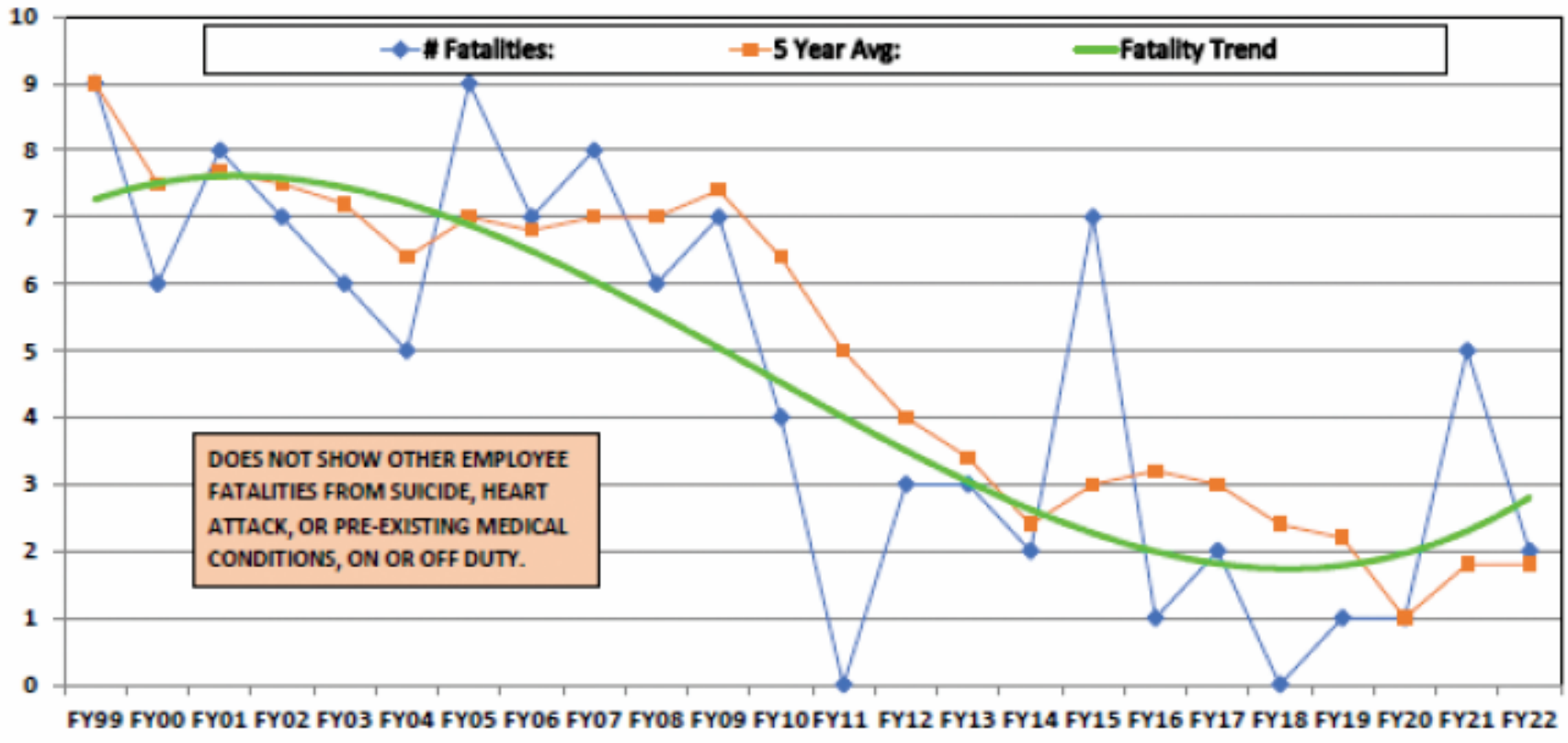
The graph covers 24 years, starting in 1999. From a high of nine in 1999 and 2004, the numbers have declined. During the first 12 years the average was 6.8, and during the next 12 it was 2.25.

The improvement thus seems to have been entirely within the Forest Service.

Fogle also said that people need to keep in mind that more firefighters now face greater challenges: "Twenty years ago, big fires had an average of 800 to 1000 firefighters, now they are closer to 2,000, and fire season is year-round."

Forest Service OSHA Reportable (work-related) Fatalities FY99 - FY22

Fiscal Year:	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
# Fatalities:	9	6	8	7	6	5	9	7	8	6	7	4	0	3	3	2	7	1	2	0	1	1	5	2
5 Year Avg:	9.0	7.5	7.7	7.5	7.2	6.4	7.0	6.8	7.0	7.0	7.4	6.4	5.0	4.0	3.4	2.4	3.0	3.2	3.0	2.4	2.2	1.0	1.8	1.8



Voter information table moved from Strawberry Creek Center

Mary Rider called the Town Crier on election day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, to report that her group, which had been handing out information about voting rights and processes in front of the post office, had been asked to leave by deputies from Riverside Sheriff's Office.

Rider described the three officers as "appropriate, polite, and very human" as they explained that the manager of the shopping center had received calls saying they were being disruptive and partisan.

State law forbids electioneering within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling place. Rider said the group had measured the distance to the library entrance and felt they were in compliance. She also said the group was not handing out information about candidates or issues, just rights and processes.

Rider said the officers told her they could see nothing wrong with the activity, but in light of the complaints, asked them nicely to leave. The group found a nearby spot on county property, the shoulder of the road in front of the Gastrognome restaurant, and continued their activities.



Reader Chuck Weisbart noted that State Park and Cal Fire were replacing the fallen fence along the highway that inspired him to write a letter to the editor in May of last year.

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Hunky Dory spins full circle

By Samuel Markus
Illustrative Essayist

Before Michael Brown owned a record shop, he knew how it felt to be welcome in one.

As a teenager in Janesville, Wisconsin, he frequented a small independent store specializing in punk and new wave. Friends and MTV had helped introduce him to the music. The shop gave him somewhere to find it, and somewhere to stay a while.

"The people that ran it didn't mind that we hung out there," he recalled. "So it was like our go-to place."

Today, Brown owns Hunky Dory Records in Idyllwild, where a childhood fantasy has become his daily work. Along the way, he has found himself providing something familiar for a generation he hadn't expected to serve.

Music was a constant in Brown's childhood home. His parents had an extensive record collection, and he happily absorbed their taste in classic rock. His uncle gave him his first full-length album, Blondie's "Parallel Lines." His first purchase was a 45 of Gary Numan's "Cars."

By his teens, he was developing a musical identity of his own, along with the idea that someday he might have a record shop. Then life happened, as he puts it, and the idea slipped into the background.

It resurfaced during the pandemic. Brown wanted to leave work he no longer enjoyed, though he hadn't yet decided what would come next. Walking around Idyllwild with his husband, John Marin, he spotted a space for rent.

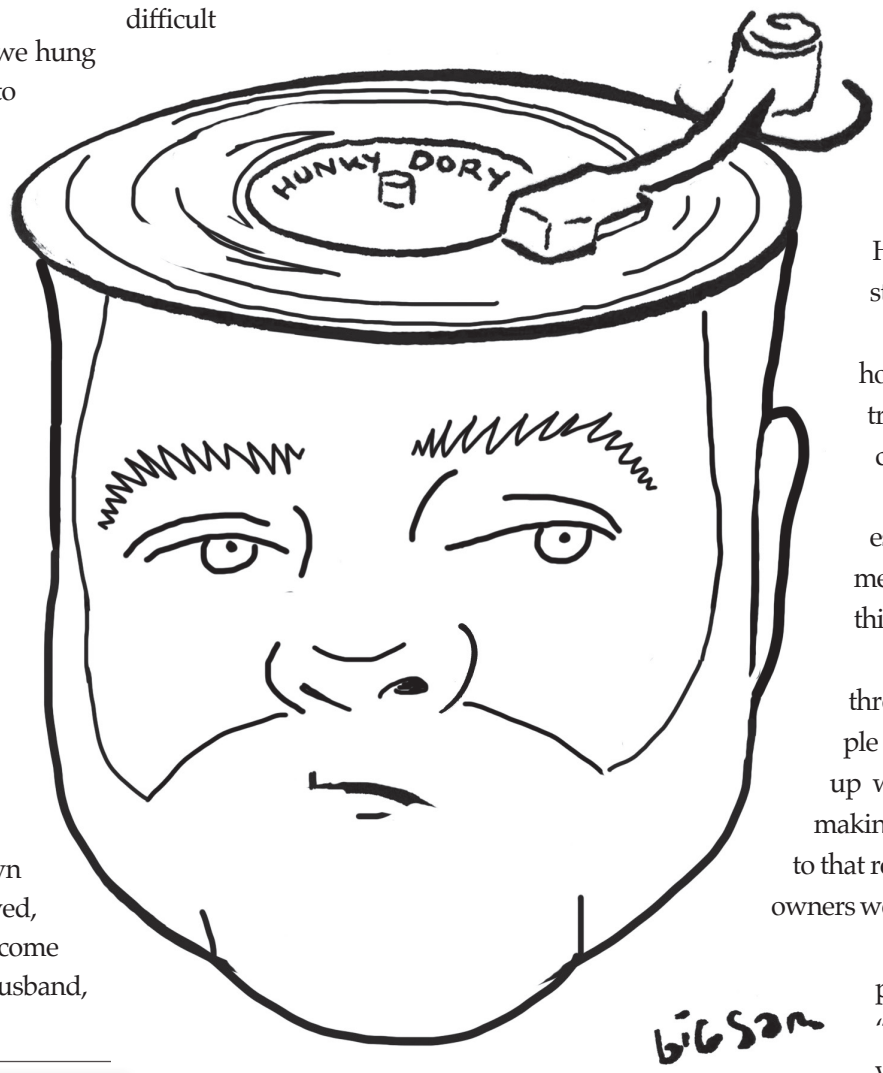
"I'm gonna open a record shop," he remembered announcing. John was on board.

Opening in 2020 meant committing their resources at a moment when other people were questioning whether they should even be out of the house. Brown felt compelled to do something, but the decision came with plenty of uncertainty.

"I was scared to death," he said. "Like, okay, I'm putting everything we have into this shop. Is this even gonna happen?"

It happened, though the shop took a somewhat different shape than he had first imagined.

Brown originally wanted to open a punk shop. Other shop owners and people in the business cautioned him that such a narrow focus would be difficult to sustain in a small town. He broadened the selection, a decision he has come to appreciate.



"I think that it reaches more people than I would have the other way," he said.

But the punk-rock kid from Janesville hasn't entirely disappeared. His wry humor and subversive sensibility still find their way into every corner of Hunky Dory.

The shop's name remained deeply personal. David Bowie's "Hunky Dory" had played often in his childhood home, and the album stayed with him through the years. When it came time to name the business, he turned to something he had loved for much of his life.

John created the shop's alien logo, working from an initial mockup and refining it over roughly two days. Brown knew when it was finished.

"Yes, that's it. Like, go no further."

The store now carries vintage vinyl and new releases, CDs, turntables, Walkmans, books, T-shirts and posters. Brown is pleased with the move to Forest Haven and grateful for employees who have stayed with him and enjoy being there.

He remains closely involved, though he hopes eventually to loosen his grip enough to travel more with John. "It's hard. I'm kind of a control freak in that way," he admitted.

For all the shop's growth, Brown is modest about its place in town. "It's just a shop to me, you know? It's my passion more than anything. And if people love coming here, great."

One of the surprises has been who comes through the door. Brown imagined serving people his own age, revisiting the music they grew up with. Instead, he has found young listeners making discoveries of their own, bringing him back to that record shop in Wisconsin and the teenagers its owners welcomed.

"I really thought it was gonna be old people like me, like reliving their youth," he said. "And now it's the youth that's reliving my youth."

Beat Nite marks 10 years

Contributed by Myra Dutton

This month marks the tenth anniversary of our Beat Nite performances. We began on Nov. 10, 2016, the day Leonard Cohen's death was announced to the public.

The Evolutionary Poetry Troupe will perform the poems of award-winning poets and follow with their own originals. We are honored to be accompanied by Dr. Marshall Hawkins and Paul Carman, two of Idyllwild's celebrities. Marshall played with the Miles Davis Quintet and is the founder of the Jazz Program at Idyllwild Arts Academy. Paul played with Frank Zappa on his 1988 European tour. He performed and recorded on several Zappa releases, including *Broadway the Hard Way*, *The Best Band You Never Heard In Your Life*, *Make a Jazz Noise Here*, *Trance-Fusion*, and *Zappa '88: The Last U.S. Show*.

The themes for this Beat Nite are surrealism, stream of consciousness, and magical realism, which give us a wide scope of possibilities. This is a curated poetry event, free to the public, our gift to the community.

The Evolutionary Poets who will be reading are Jennifer McEwen, David Reid-Marr, Brian Tracy, Tim Nolan, Melanie Lamaga, Wyatt Priefer, Mick Lynch, Flavia Mangan, James Mangan, Libby Stockstill, Andrew Leeson, Rose Moreau, Susan Hegarty, Rena May, and Myra Dutton.

The award-winning poets whose work will be featured are Joy Harjo, David St. John, Larry Levis, Guillaume Apollinaire, James Tate, Leonard Cohen, Octavio Paz, Philip Whalen, Brendan Constantine, Wislawa Szymborska, Pablo Neruda, Federico Garcia Lorca, and Lois P. Jones. Many of these are poet laureates and Nobel Prize winners.

We are fortunate to live in a community where there are so many talented, compassionate individuals and to have beautiful Middle Ridge Winery as our venue.

The world needs artists, visionaries, poets, authors, songwriters, and actors now, more than ever, to help us remember who we really are, to entertain us, and to honor the Earth and all its inhabitants. I sincerely hope you can join us.

BEAT NITE, November 9, 2026, 6:30-8:30 PM, Middle Ridge Winery, 54301 North Circle Dr.

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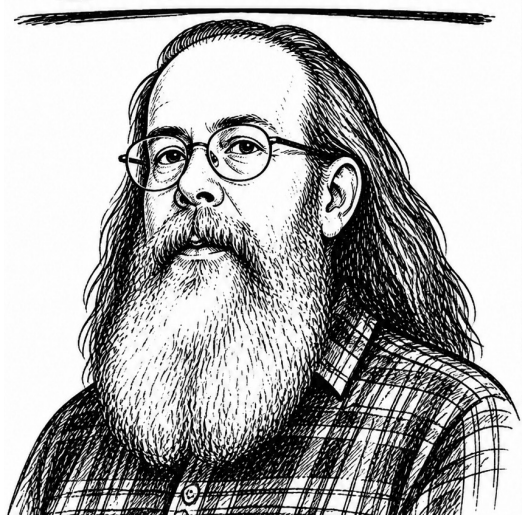


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Art's Corner



"Whatever you may suffer, speak the truth. Be worthy of the entire confidence of your associates. Consider what is right as to what must be done. It is not necessary that you should keep your property, or even your life, but it is necessary that you should hold fast your integrity."

-- William Ellery Channing

(Editor's note: See item on page A2 Vehicle v Pedestrian to understand Art's eventful week.)

It is in the light of personal complications and minor injuries that this writer submits this review of Idyllwild Arts Academy's Music Department's Fall Showcase, a joyous occasion for faculty and student bodies alike. Doing so as a matter of course in the changing of the seasons, with additional new talent to be reported, seems a lighter task when the event is considered as both a landmark and a necessity. Therefore, with the introductory Unitarian admonition in mind, the overall view of last Saturday afternoon's program follows as a show of the cohesive efforts of the IAA community and this listener's resolve.

Beginning as usual with the invocation of the Cahuilla Nation, the Lowman Concert Hall welcomed the debut of guest conductor Co Boi Nguyen, leading a scaled-down orchestral ensemble in the 3rd movement of Johannes Brahms' "Symphony #2 in D Major, Opus 73". This piece, revelatory of the composer's happiest moments, may also be conceived as a compounded mixture of Central European symphonic conceits, particularly in the shifting metrical patterns (3/4, 2/4, 3/8) evoking unusual "breaks in the action" from the regular scherzo pattern.

Ms. Nguyen's baton technique -- a clear projection of changes in tempo -- proved most effective, with the overall string tone (one of Lowman's blessings) providing sufficient force to override the absence of a full orchestral complement (in particular the horn section). One therefore should look ahead to her scheduled December concerts where her full symphonic abilities should be further demonstrated.

The remainder of the programmed classical selections, although brief, were possessing equal proportions of the performers' talents. The opening movements of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Oboe Concerto in C Major, K. 314" and of his "Violin Concerto in G Major, K.216", played by Shun Feng and Yushan Aurora Lang respectively (with piano accompaniments) both involved virtuoso displays (the cadenza of the violin concerto's 1st movement in particular) which were carried off brilliantly.

Outstanding also in this respect was Stanislava Krylova's interpretation of Niccolo Paganini's "Caprice #16 for Solo Violin", where the essential unusual dexterity was fully in evidence, as was the case with the opening "Presto" movement of Francis Poulenc's 1926 "Trio for Piano, Oboe and Bassoon", where Angelina Liang, Shun Feng and Indre Balakauskas provided the necessary Gallic wit and perkiness in perfection. In similar Francophile fashion was the "Solo de Concert, Opus 35" of Gabriel Pierne, where the bassoon / piano combination of Victoria Wang and Yinuo Ayina Wang blended perfectly.

As to the popular selections on the program, this listener continues to focus on the quality of sound production versus sound amplification. The finely-tuned acoustics of Lowman Hall are easily swamped by amplified low frequencies. In respect to Yushan Shea Liu's version of Sade's "Smooth Operator", vocal precision was sometimes overshadowed by Justin Xi's electric guitar. Xi's more subdued accompaniment, with straightforward medium bossa nova rhythms, supported and complimented Shulie Wu's traversal of the Bronislau Kaper / Ned Washington jazz chestnut "On Green Dolphin Street, highlighting Wu's versatility at scat-singing.

In two cases the sonic saturation did more good than harm. Regina Mendoza Rivera's ensemble for her "One Last Time" involved a transfer of her solo energies to players and audience alike, and the afternoon's finale involved a participation of the allied arts of music and dance. Pietro Palermo Campos Silva's "ETHERE Like You", performed under their chosen identity as "Apollo Stonewall", ensured the belief that transgender and/or non-binary identities can be fully integrated into a magnificent performance. The very identity chosen here -- "Apollo", the prophetic solar deity, and the modifier "Stonewall" connoting resistance to homophobia -- suggest a furthering of respect for individual identity which would have convinced our Cahuilla land custodians of this performer's equivalent shamanistic power, and combined with the simultaneous coordinated graceful motions of dancers Amelia Velez and Guadalupe Orozco in play, the audience's plaudits and encouragements were well-deserved.



Apollo Stonewall with dancers Amelia Velez and Guadalupe Orozco

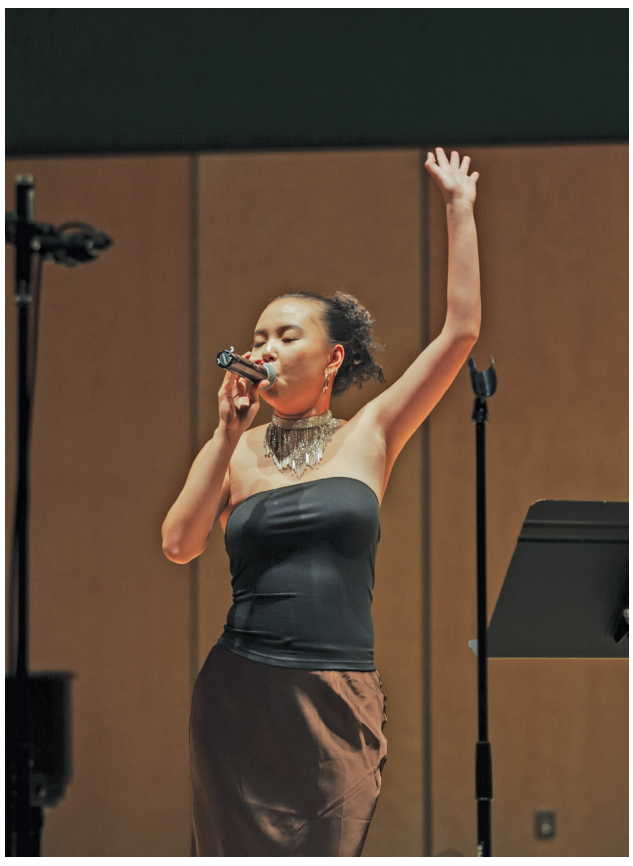
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Co Boi Nguyen with the Wylld Arts Ensemble



Shulie Wu and Justin Xi



Yushan Shea Liu



Full cast

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Town Crier at 80: The more things change...

By The Editor

It's getting to be crush time, as we put together the various strands of our 80th Anniversary Celebration, which is set for Thursday Nov. 5 at Middle Ridge Winery.

I have been preparing a few brief — and I hope entertaining — bits with the purpose of drumming up support for the Town Crier as we find our way forward in the brave new world we inhabit.

I spent some time in the Idyllwild Area Historical Society in order to be able to speak about Ernie Maxwell and the origins of the paper. I wanted to be able to take a new look at a special character in a special time and place, and avoid the well-worn platitudes that provide a smooth but shallow surface with the illusion of depth. Please stop by and see how well I manage.

One thing I will give away is a quote that frames our life in this little enterprise perfectly. It comes from Betty Maxwell, who left a life in the theater for a cabin in the woods, and by way of researcher Stephen Sutton, who found it in a brief memoir she left. "There's more drama packed into 24 hours of editing a mountain newspaper than I have ever experienced on Broadway. It all depends on where you sit." The more some things change, the more they stay the same.

But calling our stock and trade drama is maybe to trivialize the events that mark us. Drama is where you buy your ticket, take your seat, watch a show, and then go home. Real life surrounds us, touches us, and will not leave us alone. We are both audience and agent. There is always something at stake. And stories, for a newspaper, are just a means to an end: to inform.

Thank you readers for your support through the years, and especially during the last 16 months. Mike and Corey and I look forward to seeing you and sharing a special time.

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Schedules may change. Check with the venue for the latest details.

"We live by each other and for each other. Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

— Helen Keller

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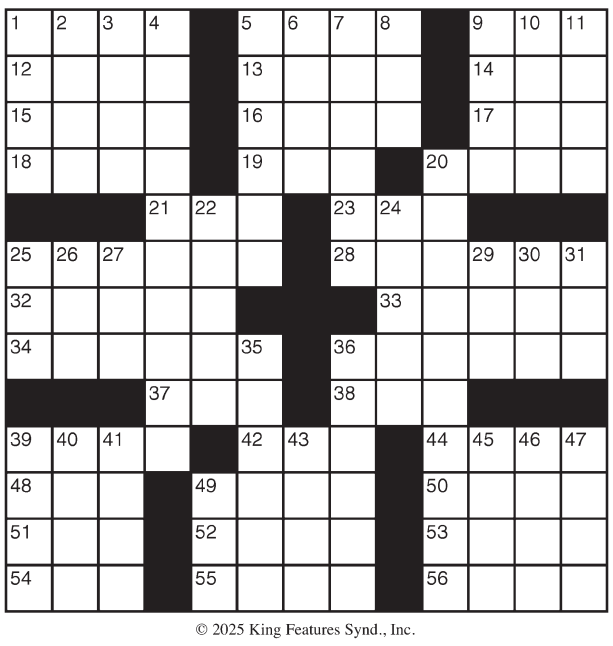
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King Crossword

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13 Roof overhang
14 Parisian "yes"
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18 Church organ feature
19 Retrieve
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46 Gullet
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49 Purring pet



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HOROSCOPES

November 5–11, 2026



March 21 – April 19

Aries, channel your enthusiasm into a favor that makes someone's day easier. An unhurried conversation may reveal a better plan than the one you started with.



April 20 – May 20

Taurus, a familiar routine could use a small refresh. Try a different recipe, rearrange a favorite corner, or make time for someone whose company restores you.



May 21 – June 21

Gemini, follow up on a conversation that stayed with you. Your best contribution this week may be a thoughtful question rather than a quick answer.



June 22 – July 22

Cancer, let the people who care about you know what you need. A shared task or quiet visit can make a busy week feel more manageable.



July 23 – August 22

Leo, celebrate a milestone without rushing toward the next one. Notice who helped along the way, and offer the kind of encouragement you appreciate receiving.



August 23 – September 22

Virgo, give a small project a clear finish line. Once the essentials are handled, resist another round of polishing and enjoy the space you have made.



September 23 – October 22

Libra, an invitation may pull you beyond your usual circle. Bring your curiosity, keep your promises modest, and leave a little room for an unexpected connection.



October 23 – November 21

Scorpio, mark your birthday season with an honest look at what matters now. One thoughtful change to your routine can honor the person you are becoming.



November 22 – December 21

Sagittarius, make room for discovery close to home. A new walking route, borrowed book, or conversation with a neighbor can satisfy your appetite for something different.



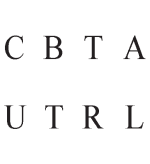
December 22 – January 19

Capricorn, steady effort deserves a pause. Share a meal, put a pleasant outing on the calendar, and remember that time with friends belongs among your priorities.



January 20 – February 18

Aquarius, bring an imaginative idea down to earth with one practical experiment. Invite feedback from someone who sees things differently, and stay open to a simpler solution.



February 19 – March 20

Pisces, choose a gentle pace when the week feels crowded. Set aside a few minutes for music or reflection before deciding which requests deserve your attention.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

MAGIC MAZE ● — THINGS

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Answers to puzzles found on B6

NEWS OF RECORD

SHERIFF'S LOG
October 27–November 2, 2026

Riverside County Sheriff's calls. Dispositions pending unless noted. Addresses are masked as supplied.

Idyllwild

Nov. 2, 9:30 a.m. — Alarm call; 2600 *** Block Hwy. 243.
Nov. 2, 1:23 a.m. — Alarm call; 2500 *** Block Scenic Dr.
Oct. 31, 2:29 p.m. — Noise complaint; 5500 *** Block Daryll Rd.
Oct. 31, 9:43 a.m. — Public disturbance; 5400 *** Block Riverside County Playground Rd.
Oct. 30, 9:21 p.m. — Public assist; Address Undefined.
Oct. 30, 12:28 p.m. — Suspicious circumstance; 2500 *** Block Hwy. 243.
Oct. 29, 11:36 p.m. — Alarm call; 2500 *** Block Scenic Dr.
Oct. 29, 11:04 p.m. — Suspicious circumstance; 5400 *** Block Maranatha Dr.
Oct. 29, 6:31 p.m. — Trespassing; 2500 *** Block Tahquitz Dr; arrest made.
Oct. 29, 10:30 a.m. — Harassing phone calls; Address Withheld.
Oct. 29, 10:00 a.m. — Public disturbance; 5400 *** Block Riverside County Playground Rd.
Oct. 29, 6:49 a.m. — Alarm call; 5400 *** Block River Dr.
Oct. 28, 11:51 a.m. — Assist other department; 5500 *** Block Daryll Rd.
Oct. 27, 10:48 a.m. — Suspicious circumstance; 2500 *** Block Hwy. 243.

Pine Cove

Oct. 30, 8:02 p.m. — Area check; 2500 *** Block Foster Lake Rd.
Oct. 28, 1:28 p.m. — Public disturbance; 2300 *** Block Hwy. 243.
Oct. 27, 10:16 p.m. — Noise complaint; 5200 *** Block Pine Cove Rd.

Poppet Flats

Oct. 30, 4:00 p.m. — Assist other department; 4500 *** Block Partridge St; report taken.

San Bernardino National Forest

Nov. 2, 3:42 a.m. — Assist other department; Address Undefined.
Nov. 2, 12:21 a.m. — Unlawful entry; 5200 *** Block Fosteriyah Dr.
Nov. 1, 1:33 p.m. — 911 hangup from cellphone; 4700 *** Block Doe Canyon Rd.
Oct. 30, 10:29 a.m. — Vehicle theft; Address Undefined; report taken.
Oct. 30, 10:29 a.m. — Grand theft; Address Undefined.
Oct. 29, 8:41 p.m. — Petty theft; 5200 *** Block Fosteriyah Dr; report taken.
Oct. 29, 7:22 p.m. — Assist other department; Address Undefined.

Twin Pines

Oct. 31, 7:06 a.m. — Alarm call; 4700 *** Block Twin Pines Rd.

Youth Soccer Players awarded at closing ceremony

By Johnny Wilson
Director of Programs and Recreation
Idyllwild Community Center

It was the perfect way to close out the 2026 season of ICC Youth Soccer (AYSO Region 8027) Wednesday, Oct. 28 at the Idyllwild Town Hall – with trophies, laughs, special awards, and pizza!

As many coaches, players, and parents can attest – the 2026 season of youth soccer was an incredible season throughout, with amazing playoff finishes across multiple divisions (see last week's Town Crier edition, page B2, article titled "Youth Soccer Championships: Unbelievable Finishes in the 10U and 14U Divisions").

The players received well-deserved recognition at the award ceremony as coaches presented them with trophies and special awards.

Also, prior to the ceremony, league director **Johnny Wilson** and referee administrator **Paul Fetters** gathered the team of referees together to nominate and vote on which outstanding players would receive the "Referees' Choice Awards" as a special added surprise to the ceremony.

10U Division (ages 7-10)

Team Name: **Shadow Hawks**
Team Colors: Silver / Black
Season Finish: Division Champions
Coaches: **Felipe Davila** and **Charity Whittamore**
Sponsor: **Mountain Heating & Air**
Most Valuable Player (MVP): **Epifanio Davila**
Most Improved Player: **Layne Ohall**
Best Sportsmanship: **Jude Schumacher**

Team Name: **Grizzlies**
Team Colors: Green / Black
Season Finish: 2nd Place
Coaches: **Taylor Morgan** and **Karissa Morgan**
Sponsor: **El Sereno**
Most Valuable Player (MVP): **Pedro Lugo**
Most Improved Player: **Mackenzie McAnallen**
Best Sportsmanship: **Axel Grimoldi**

Team Name: **Legends**
Team Colors: Burgundy Red / Black
Season Finish: 3rd Place
Coaches: **Hal Carey** and **Jackson Carey**
Sponsor: **Jessica McAnallen Real Estate**
Most Valuable Player (MVP): **Matthew Mejía**
Most Improved Player: **Matthew Smith**
Best Sportsmanship: **Blithe Kenyon**

Team Name: **Idyllwild Arsenal**
Team Colors: White / Red / Black
Season Finish: 4th Place
Coaches: **Carl Dewese** and **Kristin Dewese**
Sponsor: **Pure Bean**
Most Valuable Player (MVP): **Hunter Adams**
Most Improved Player: **Ruby O'Brien**
Best Sportsmanship: **Zelda Ryan**

Referees' Choice Awards (among all teams in the 10U Division)

Best Offensive Player: **Pedro Lugo** (Grizzlies) and **Epifanio Davila** (Shadow Hawks)
Best Defensive Player: **Annabelle Ridge** (Idyllwild Arsenal)
Best Goalkeeper: **Torin Puckett** (Grizzlies)
Most Versatile Player: **Brody Beneke** (Shadow Hawks)

14U Division (ages 11-14)

Team Name: **Purple Panthers**
Team Colors: Purple / Black
Season Finish: Division Champions
Coaches: **Jacob Teel, Carlos Reynosa,** and **Mecino Reynosa**
Sponsor: **SoCal Renovations**
Most Valuable Player (MVP): **Ángel "Benny" Gil**
Most Improved Player: **Makayla Smith**
Best Sportsmanship: **Gavin Gray**

Team Name: **Midnight Storm**
Team Colors: Silver / Black
Season Finish: 2nd Place
Coaches: **Felipe Davila** and **AC Ameur**
Sponsor: **Speakeasy Books**
Most Valuable Player (MVP): **Kayson Adams**
Most Improved Player: **Story Hunter**
Best Sportsmanship: **Aiden Martin**

Team Name: **AFC Richmond**
Team Colors: Scarlet Red / Royal Blue
Season Finish: 3rd Place
Coaches: **Beth Iyaman** and **Russell Braun**
Sponsor: **Adams Electric**
Most Valuable Player (MVP): **Audrey Roman**
Most Improved Player: **Bliss Ortiz Reyes**
Best Sportsmanship: **River Williamson**

Referees' Choice Awards (among all teams in the 14U Division)

Best Offensive Player: **Kayson Adams** (Midnight Storm)
Best Defensive Player: **Audrey Roman** (AFC Richmond)
Best Goalkeeper: **Jaxx Foye** (Midnight Storm)
Most Versatile Player: **Mark Peña Chavez** (Purple Panthers)

We also want to give a big thanks to our 6U Division (ages 4-6) coaches and sponsors: **Derek McDevitt** and **Sally McDevitt** (**Lightning Hawks**, sponsored by **Silver Pines Lodge & Village**), **Rich Nolan** and **Beth Iyaman** (**Axolotls**, sponsored by the **Rich Nolan Group**), **John Hernandez** and **Pieter Vodden** (**Mini Halos**, sponsored by **Pharos Athletic Club**), and **Gayle Hilgris** and **W. Ryan Hilgris** (**Howling Coyotes**, sponsored by **Idyllwild Electric).**

There is also a team that deserves some recognition as they have been present at every game throughout all three divisions – the referees!

Plain and simple, there are no games without referees. We want to thank this year's team of referees for volunteering their time to go through the proper training and attain the AYSO referee certifications to ensure that all games are played with safety, fairness, and fun.

Thank you to **Paul Fetters** (Referee Administrator), **Johnny Wilson, Kyran Roberts, Jade Roberts, Nick White, Elaina Duke, AC Ameur,** and **Anjali Panchall.**

We also want to give a big THANK YOU to **Dutch Touch Design & Landscaping** for helping sponsor the league and upgrading us to Domino's Pizza this year!

And lastly, a huge THANK YOU to all the parents, families, friends, and supporters who came out rain or shine to cheer on our local soccer players – this league would not have been a success without the support of everyone involved.

See you next season!

Pine Cove Property Owners Association holiday party planned

The Pine Cove Property Owners Association (PCPOA) has set a date for their annual holiday party: Saturday December 5 at 1pm. The location will be the Community Center, 54195 Ridgeview Dr.

Pine Covers interested in meeting neighbors and getting involved are invited to attend the next board meeting, on Saturday November 7, 10 am at the Pine Cove Water District office, 24917 Marion Ridge Dr.

The group, like many other pillars of the greater Idyllwild community, dates back to 1946. Dues are nominal and support many worthy local causes. The group is a link between residents and local government agencies and non-profits. For more information visit pinecovepoa.com

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80 years ago - 1946
Ernie and Betty Maxwell founded the Town Crier in the attic of their home using a mimeograph and handwritten headlines.

70 years ago - 1956
Max and Bee Krone were featured in "The Instructor," a teacher's magazine. A section of their song arrangements appeared in several issues.

65 years ago - 1961
Movie studio technicians began transforming local spots into movie sets in preparation for the filming of "Kid Galahad," starring Elvis Presley and Lola Albright. It was reported that the film company planned to hire local school children for extras at $24 per day. Every youngster in town was angling to be selected.

60 years ago - 1966
J.B. Hanauer & Company, the firm serving as Idyllwild Water District's financial advisor, declared bankruptcy. It was not expected to affect the sales of the district's sewer project bonds.

55 years ago - 1971
Mountain Center Free School closed for the week in protest against all wars. Students and staff journeyed to Los Angeles and Palm Springs to participate in demonstrations against wars.

50 years ago - 1976
Rancher Jack Garner donated 9/10ths of an acre of land at the intersection of Morris Ranch Road and Highway 74 as a firehouse for the Garner Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

40 years ago - 1986
A permanent trash collection station to replace the Idyllwild dump received preliminary approval by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors following a public hearing.

35 years ago - 1991
The county Board of Supervisors approved the establishment of a sheriff's substation at Lake Hemet.

20 years ago - 2006
Memorial services were scheduled throughout Southern California for the five firefighters, members of Alandale Guard Station Engine 57, whose lives were lost while fighting the Esperanza Fire, which was contained Oct. 30.

15 years ago - 2011
Idyllwild was the site of another "Occupy" event that week. On Saturday, people gathered in front of the Tree Monument with signs, musical instruments and good spirits to protest the current state of the country and demonstrate solidarity with "Occupy Wall Street" protests in cities around the world.

11 years ago - 2015
Gov. Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency due to the number of dead and dying trees resulting from the four-year drought.

10 years ago - 2016
The Town Crier celebrated its 70th anniversary with the Nov. 3 edition, recalling its beginnings in Ernie and Betty Maxwell's home on Nov. 1, 1946.

5 years ago - 2021
Residents organized a Nov. 10 meeting at Town Hall to discuss short-term rentals and proposed changes to Riverside County's ordinance. The group sought a one-year moratorium on new rental certificates.

1 year ago - 2025
At a volunteer appreciation event at Town Hall, the Forest Service announced plans to reopen Tahquitz Peak Fire Lookout after its lightning protection system passed a test. Dry conditions could keep the lookout open beyond its usual season.

Students of the Week



MARVIN MARTINEZ



AMELIE CAJAS

Mrs. Lindsay Baldwin, our 6th & 7th grade Math/Science teacher, has chosen the following for students of the week.

Marvin Martinez- *Marvin is a hard working student who comes to school ready to learn each day. He is positive and inspires his peers to do their best. Marvin is also creative, kind, and fun to be around. I appreciate his attention to detail and see it in his math, science, and art projects. Marvin is a great person who brings joy to our school!*

Amelie Cajas- *Amelie is a great student who brings happiness to everyone's day. She is a dedicated learner who is respectful and kind. What I appreciate most about Amelie is her thoughtfulness, she is always willing to help others. Her creative mind makes her an exceptional student who shines at our school.*

Matter of Fact: Last week we had the wrong name for Caleb Marich. We regret this error.



CALEB MARICH

Mr. Darren McKay, our Physical Education teacher, has chosen the following students as student of the week.

Caleb Marich: Caleb has a strong work ethic and tries hard at everything he does in PE class. He has also demonstrated strong leadership qualities that have had a positive effect on all the other students in class.

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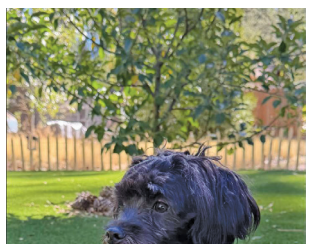
Kamila Wilson of the Legends is preparing to hand out over 120 trophies at the closing ceremony of the ICC Youth Soccer league at Town Hall

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Creature Corner

Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats celebrated adoptions.

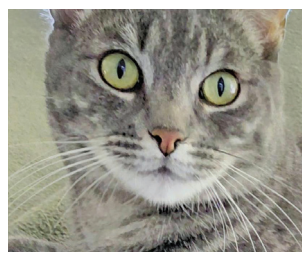
Tiger: Guess what!
Tasha: Spill it, Tiger.
Tiger: Paris has been adopted!
Tasha: What a luck cat and an even luckier family.
Tiger: And more news. I'd like for you to meet Dennis.
Dennis: (strutting into the room) Well hello furry friends. I'm Dennis, the new ARF dog.
Pepper: Hello Dennis. Aren't you a good looker.
Dennis: Aw, thanks. I'm a darned sweet dog.
Sequoia: So we've heard. What else can you tell us about yourself?
Dennis: Well, I'm about one and a half years old, house trained, crate trained, and I really like other dogs. Cats? I bark at them, but I won't go after them.
Tasha: What else might potential adopters want to know?
Dennis: I am an alert barker, but isn't that what most people want? I don't bother with nuisance barking. I will admit, however, that I prefer women to men.
Tiger: Is that a problem in your foster home?
Dennis: Nah! I warmed quickly to my male foster, but I warmed even more quickly to the wonderful woman.
Tiger: Got it. So you could live in a home with a man?
Dennis: Of course, but I really like women.
Tasha: How big are you?
Dennis: Only 11 lbs, and it appears that I don't shed! I am, after all, a mixed breed. I sort of look poodle-ish, mixed with other small breeds. The bottom line is
this: I am adoptable!



DENNIS



HONEY



SEQUOIA



TASHA



TIGER

This week's Creature Corner is sponsored by Janey Mason. Would you like to be a sponsor? Please let us know! Be sure to keep up with the animal antics of Days of our Nine Lives each week. And please stop in to say hello to the entire adoptable cast at the ARF House, 26890 Hwy 243. ARF is open Saturdays 10-3, Sundays 10-2, and during the week by appointment. Please call 951-659-1122.



House Cat

The Town Crier has a new neighbor, and the town has a new place for kitting out the kitchen; House Cat. Located behind Raven Hill Bagels in the Collective, a lot of work has gone into Speakeasy proprietor Dyani Brunner's new enterprise. The sign on the door says "things for staying in," and with the right implements and cookbooks the kitchen can be your favorite room. We have spotted a well-dressed cat keeping Brunner company, but can't say if the cat will take a turn at customer service.



The Idyllwild Library celebrated National Saquatch Day with a Big Foot themed story time and a special guest.
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Prize winning Pumpkins at the Nature Center for Creepy Crawly Days
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The ICC Chess League Halloween party included many unusual matchups
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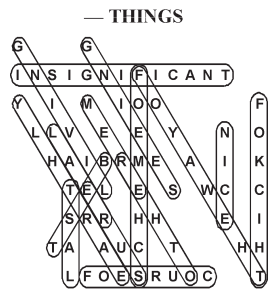
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