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Local groups make short-term rental requests

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

The effort to revise the Riverside County short-term rental ordinance (927) has strengthened in the past two weeks. The board of supervisors took action to fortify the possible changes with specific attention to enforcement. Locally, the Idyllwild Association of Realtors has expressed to Supervisor Chuck Washington (3rd District) their preferences for changes after a group of citizens concerned about STRs spoke at a recent IAOR meeting.

At the board of supervisors' Sept. 14 meeting, Washington and Supervisor Kevin Jeffries (1st District) asked their colleagues to agree with instructing the county's Executive Office to develop within the next 60 days a strategy and budget for increased Code Enforcement staffing on evenings and weekends.

The proposal was approved unanimously as part of the consent calendar without needing any discussion.

Also last week, the IAOR membership agreed with four local citizen recommendations about the future oversight of STRs: more effective on-site inspections of STR facilities; higher certificate and renewal fees, as well as stronger fines for code violations; a formal online complaint process; and stronger enforcement of the noise ordinance.

"I've sent a letter with these four recommendations to Supervisor Washington," Karen Doshier, IAOR president, confirmed. She is planning to send another to either the Planning Department or Code Enforcement.

Doshier confirmed that IAOR did not support a fifth recommendation to limit STRs to 10% of total houses on the Hill or limiting individuals to ownership of just one STR.

Idyllwild Realtor Grace Reed expressed concern about this proposal. "It's a double-edged sword. [Some new buyers] come to Idyllwild to make money, the registration fee is so low, and they have no experience in rentals.

"My job is to educate them. You're in a small and quiet community. Please respect your neighbors," she continued. "We welcome people coming, but they need to respect and enjoy our tranquility."

Peter Szabadi, a member of separate, ad hoc group, within 60 days recently wrote the county recommending a "limit on the number of permits issued" and a "gradual reduction of the already issued permits," and a limit on the number of STRs for each permit.

In order to evaluate this proposal, "We need to see the true number of rentals," Reed explained.

The ad hoc group has no identifying name. Terry Shirley, also a group member said, "It's just a group of concerned citizens wanting to make sure the Hill quality of life continues to provide residents and visitors alike a community that enables each of us to enjoy this beautiful mountain."

Explaining their proposal, Washington's and Jeffries' directive to the Executive Office is intended to increase the efficacy of on-site inspections and the enforcement of the county noise ordinance (847). More effective inspections should ensure adequate available parking and occupancy limitations, as well as compliance with fire and water regulations.

Expanding the availability of enforcement is needed because neighbor's issues with most STRs occur on weekends and evenings. Currently, Code Enforcement staff is normally available weekdays till about 5 p.m.

The board favors enlarging Code Enforcement staff on evenings and weekends to enable a quicker response "... to unpermitted activities while they are happening, rather than having to wait until the next Monday morning to investigate complaints about events and activities that have long since ended."

The supervisors also recommended a balance between more full-time staffing every evening versus focusing on those evenings with the highest call volumes.

In their memorandum, the authors acknowledged the June grand jury recommendation to increase Code Enforcement staffing and recognized this was a step in that direction.

A revised draft Ordinance 927 is expected this fall, which is why the supervisors asked the Executive Officer to respond within 60 days.



Posing at the Soroptimist International of Idyllwild's Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Festival Wednesday evening, Sept. 22, at Ferro, are, front row, from left, Soroptimists Edith Brix, Christina Reitz, Stephanie Yost and Lynne Eodice, volunteer Conor O'Farrell, Soroptimists Mary Morse and Susan Schumacher; back row, from left, Soroptimists Jo Petrosi, Diana Kurr, Theresa Teel (with children Evelyn and Oliver), Lori Ferro with husband and co-owner Frank Ferro, and Soroptimist Shelly McKay. Lori received the Soroptimist Volunteer of the Year award and both Ferros received an appreciation plaque for supporting the Soroptimists.

PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK

Forest reopened last week

The U.S. Forest Service reopened the San Bernardino National Forest, with exceptions, on Thursday, Sept. 23. The exceptions do not apply to the San Jacinto Ranger District that includes the Idyllwild area.

The forest, as well as all California national forests, was closed just before midnight Aug. 31, "to better provide public and firefighter safety due to the ongoing California wildfire crisis," according to the press release the Pacific Southwest Region released at the time.

3rd and 5th districts will shrink in redistricting

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Redistricting, the shifting of political boundaries, to create more balanced districts following the decennial census has begun. California has an official 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission responsible for considering changes to boundaries for districts of U.S. House of Representatives and the California Legislature, both the Assembly and Senate.

Counties have independent authority to set the boundaries for their boards of supervisors. Riverside County has its Advisory Redistricting Commission 2021. The staff responsible for developing proposed revisions to the current supervisorial boundaries is called the Executive Office Technical Committee 2021.

Redistricting at both levels had been waiting for the official census data for 2020, which was a victim of the COVID-19 pandemic, and consequently delayed until earlier this month.

The EOTC made a presentation at the Sept. 22 Planning Commission meeting, which serves as the county's Redistricting Commission. The process going forward was on the board of supervisors' agenda Tuesday, Sept. 28.

The 2020 U.S. Census data released last month revealed that Riverside County has grown by more than 10% — more than double the growth of neighboring counties in Southern California, according to the Redistricting Commission's press release.

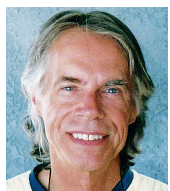
Rania Odenbaugh, deputy county executive officer and EOTC co-chair, and Tom Mullen, county chief data officer, made a presentation to the ARC last week. According to the census data, Riverside County's 2020 population was 2,418,185, an increase of 228,544 people since 2010 or a growth of 10.4%.

Riverside County has five supervisorial districts and the average population per district is 483,637 people. Based on the districts' current population figures, the population for both the 3rd and 5th districts is greater than the average and the population in the 1st, 2nd and 4th districts is below the average. So the 3rd

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COVID-19 LOCAL UPDATE: CDC weekly review and RivCo reports

As of Monday, Hemet Unified School District's Dashboard reports 15 recently (last two weeks) confirmed cases of COVID, the highest of all HUSD schools, at Idyllwild School — nine students (same as last week) and six staff members (last week it was four), which is 4.89% of its combined student/staff population — while at Hemet High, 43 students and five staff members are reported as confirmed cases, which is 1.85% of its student/staff population.

Hamilton High reports five students and one staff member as confirmed COVID cases, or 1.3% of its student/staff population. However, remember that the HUSD Dashboard also states: "Positive cases will appear on the Dashboard for 14 days from the date they are reported and then will be removed after the 14th day." So, HUSD's Dashboard does not report cumulative confirmed cases throughout the district, but only those cases confirmed during the previous two weeks.

As of Monday, Riverside County Public Health reports 165 total cases of COVID in the Idyllwild-Pine Cove community, with 151 recovered and 2 deaths,

leaving 14 cases still active.

For the same period, Riverside County reported a total of 345,257 confirmed COVID cases (3,691 more than last week) with 4,864 deaths (60 more than last week). The county now reports 411 hospitalized COVID patients (165 fewer than last week), with 113 of them being in intensive care units (17 fewer than last week). ICU beds available in Riverside County number 68. According to Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) records, 57.6% of the Riverside County eligible population is now fully vaccinated.

California reported 4,471,635 total confirmed COVID cases (49,550 more than last week), with 67,612 68,362 resulting deaths (750 more than last week).

As of Sept. 22, the CDC reports: The current 7-day moving average of daily new U.S. COVID cases has decreased 17.1% compared with last week.

From the current CDC website: Although fewer cases of and hospitalizations for COVID are reported in children than in adults, "weekly rates of hospitalizations due to COVID-19 have recently increased in children ages 11 years and younger. In fact, these hospitalization rates are the highest they have been since the start of the pandemic. The increases come as many schools across the country have resumed in-person learning.

"Because children can be affected by COVID-19 and have severe complications, schools are encouraged to implement 'CDC's Guidance for COVID-10 Prevention

in K-12 Schools' to keep children safe."

"CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status. Children should return to full-time in-person learning in the fall with layered prevention strategies in place ..."

"In addition to universal indoor masking, CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students with classrooms to reduce transmission risk ..."

"Students, teachers and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their health care provider for testing and care."

The CDC notes that "[c]onsistent and correct mask use is a critical strategy to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among children in K-12 school settings. Two recent CDC studies found that counties without school mask requirements had higher increases in rates of COVID-19 cases in children than schools with mask requirements.

"To prevent COVID-19 outbreaks in schools, CDC recommends layered prevention strategies, including universal indoor masking, screening testing, physical distancing and vaccination."

Another recent CDC study shows that Covid-19 hospitalizations among children and adolescents is increasing with the Delta variant.

Further CDC resources are available at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview/.

Redistricting

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district, home of the Hill communities, will shed areas to help create balanced districts.

Odenbaugh told the ARC that she expects a first draft of possible revisions to district boundaries at the Oct. 6 ARC meeting and to the board of supervisors on Oct. 19.

The county's press release inviting public comment states: "Redistricting ensures fair and equal representation accounting for changes in population and communities of interest that share common social and economic factors. Public participation in the redistricting process is a critically important part of the process."

For more information about the ARC, its schedule of meetings, copies of previous presentations or more background on redistricting, visit <https://rivco.org/about-county/county-boards-commissions-and-commissions/county-redistricting-efforts>.

"The voice of our residents is crucial during this process as the work of the county impacts and enhances their daily lives," said board Chair Karen Spiegel, 2nd District supervisor, in the press release announcing the Sept. 22 ARC meeting. "Residents are encouraged to share their feedback in-person or online."

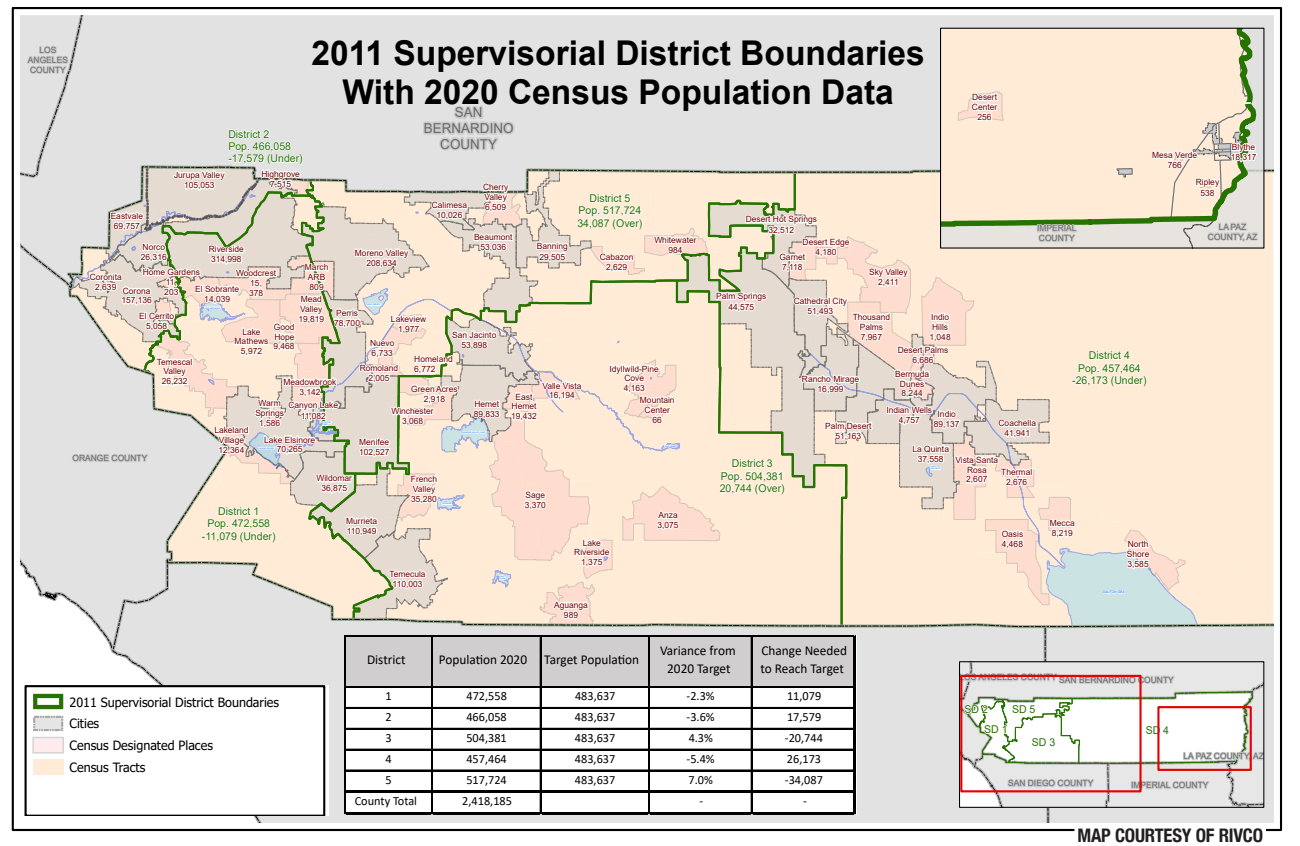
Community members may draw suggested boundary lines and submit online comments using the online feedback tool at <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/b1ecb059ff9c4d68821dbd1da5f9db10>.

Or residents may email the staff at RivCoRedistricting@rivco.org.

According to California law AB 1276, supervisors must approve new boundaries by Dec. 15. Rodenbaugh told ARC that approval could be done either as a resolution, which would make the new boundaries effective upon approval, or as an ordinance, which would create a 30-day window before the boundaries are effective.

Dec. 27 is the date by which California's independent redistricting commission — tasked with drawing the state's legislative and congressional boundaries for the next decade — must submit final maps to the secretary of state. The commission had requested an extension until Jan. 14, 2022 but the California Supreme Court denied the request last week.

Information on the state redistricting process may be found at <https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/>. The CRC will be meeting weekly into November. It may have the draft district boundaries by Oct. 4.



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Find the latest weather information from the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov.

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Our weather season is July 1 to June 30. Our season totals now have been corrected for the period July 1 through September 17, 2018, which prior to this issue of the TC had been in error. For Hill road conditions and Hill weather, visit us on the Internet at www.idyllwildtowncrier.com or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

The Town Crier's Idyllwild daily high and low temperatures and rain and snow totals in the past were taken directly from the National Weather Service website, which gets its Idyllwild weather information from automatic weath-

A view from Summit Trail in the County Park on Tuesday as temperatures peaked in the mid-60s.
PHOTO BY EDDIE ALVAREZ

Booster vaccine doses available in Riverside

Riverside County residents ages 65 and older, and those at-risk of a severe COVID-19 case, can get the Pfizer vaccine booster at one of various vaccine clinics operated by Public Health and community partners beginning Saturday.

It is available for those who received their second vaccine dose at least six months ago. Federal and state health officials approved using the booster this week, and Riverside County officials moved forward with a rollout plan to begin administering the doses starting Saturday.

In addition to the age requirement, those eligible for the booster include:

- Residents in long-term care settings
- People aged 50 to 64 with underlying medical conditions
- People aged 18 to 49 years with underlying medical conditions, based on their individual benefits and risks
- People aged 18 to 64 years at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional settings, based on their individual benefits and risks

"The booster vaccine is something that has been discussed for many weeks and we are very excited that Public Health, along with our community partners, are now in a position to move forward," said Dr. Geoffrey Leung, county public health officer. "Those who are eligible should be confident that a vaccine booster will be available for anyone who

wants one."

COVID-19 vaccines have been available in Riverside County since December, and more than 2.6 million doses have been administered between Public Health clinics and those operated by community partners, such as pharmacies, hospitals, private health providers and private clinics. Some of the issues that plagued the early rollout of the vaccine, such as supply shortages, lack of appointments and technical glitches, have been resolved, officials said.

"We have learned many lessons along the way and those challenges we faced before have been addressed," Leung said. "We have worked in collaboration with our community partners and we are confident the infrastructure that is in place now will handle any demand for the booster dose."

Health officials will be adding five new fixed clinic locations throughout the county, along with bringing on more mobile vaccine teams to provide services to hard-to-reach communities and neighborhoods.

Public Health encourages anyone who has yet to get their first dose to get vaccinated.

For more information about locations for clinics, or to make an appointment, visit <https://myturn.ca.gov/> or call 951-358-5000. For more information about the vaccine or COVID-19, visit www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus.

Food distribution interrupted

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

Several local groups distributing free and low-cost food on the Hill received a set-back this week with news that they would not be receiving their usual distribution from the Western Eagle Foundation. Directors of these groups heard that Western Eagle Foundation has "lost a donor."

This has affected Mountain Communities Mutual Aid in Idyllwild and Calvary Chapel in Mountain Center. Calvary has already found a distributor for dry goods, essential staples, at least for one week. Pastor Wally Boer said their group will join forces with MCMA to be able to continue to serve the community and find distribution elsewhere.

MCMA managed a produce only distribution on Friday. Bautista Creek Farm provides this for free to the group from its Friday Farmers Market.

On the Hill, there are still options for those who depend upon these distributions. Idyllwild Community Center's program continues at Town Hall on the first Tuesday of each month. ICC President Stephanie Yost adds, "If there are local folks in need that are negatively affected by whatever challenges Western Eagle faces, we are happy to help by making up some mid-month boxes for pickup from our backstock." Call ICC's staff at 951-659-2638.

Supply chain

A Western Eagle employee confirmed this story. "We rely on suppliers/donors. We have one that's been dedicated to twice-a-week, full semis of product, a relationship of four or four-and-a-half years. Suddenly they've stopped; it's not anything we've done. It's only been 10 days, two weeks since we've found out. It's a lot of product."

He added that it may be going to other food banks but that he had heard that at least some was "just be-

ing dumped." He explained that their warehouse is not a storage depot. "We have a limited amount of space. With this large a donor, we have to reshuffle; call other donors to try to make up the deficit."

Waste is common in the food distribution system, and dumping food that is not profitable is a fact of life. This happens at the level of producers, distributors and retailers. Not just food approaching its (often arbitrary) expiration date, but product that is not selling fast enough is discarded to make way for more profitable goods.

A retailer can't afford to have extra cases of something that isn't selling quickly taking up space on the floor or in the back room. Much of this food that would otherwise be wasted is donated, with a tax advantage, to food banks. It is a complex partnership between businesses (agriculture, processing and retail) and nonprofits (community groups and churches) incentivized by tax codes and facilitated by other government programs, an alphabet soup mostly under the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Western Eagle is the largest food bank in Southern California, distributing, according to its website, 400,000 pounds of food each month. It also runs a discount store in Temecula, open to the public, and a food box program.

Most of the food is donated by retailers, including Albertson's, Von's, Dairy Fresh, Dean's, Ready Pak, Royal Produce, Legacy Produce, Costco and Whole Foods. Some food also is purchased to maintain balance in their food boxes.

ICC relies on Feeding America for its food. Feeding America is the "country's largest food rescue organization," according to its website. It claims to have "rescued" 4 billion pounds of groceries in 2020. It also estimates that 40% of the food produced in America is wasted, a staggering 108 billion pounds annually.

Pine Cove cleans up in one-day event

"Last Saturday's Pine Cove Clean Up was a successful first step to help property owners in Pine Cove rid their property of unsightly trash," said Pine Cove Property Owners Association President Richard Schwartz.

PCPOA and Pine Cove Water District co-sponsored the one-day event.

PCPOA members even picked up trash from the curbs of property owners

who were unable to bring it to the Dutch Flat location.

Schwartz said that with the assistance of Andrea Mares, board assistant to Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington, "the county provided a large trash bin."

He said Andy Kawas coordinated the event "and all the volunteers who helped out."



A large trash bin is filling up quickly as Dick and Pat Schwartz, left, finish assisting Mike Feyder, right, unloading his truck at the Pine Cove Water District Dutch Flats Facility last Saturday.
PHOTO BY WOODY HENDERSON



Danielle Rodriguez, 9, of Idyllwild, is overjoyed when she learns that her mother, Olivia Rodriguez, won the Home and Garden Basket at the Soroptimist of Idyllwild's Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Festival Wednesday night at Ferro.
PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK



Stephanie Yost was the lucky winner of the Mountain Wine and Dine Basket at the Soroptimist's annual fund-raiser.
PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK

**Memorial Gathering for
Katie Holldber**
Sunday, October 3rd
at 11 a.m.

Please join family and friends in celebrating the life of Katie Holldber, taken from us on July 18 2021. A remembrance will take place on Sunday Oct 3, 2021 in Garner Valley at Camp Ronald McDonald, 56400 Apple Canyon Road at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association
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EDITOR:
First they came for the Bible
And I let them take it
Because I thought they needed it
Then they came for the Constitution
And I rolled my eyes
Because I took its content for granted
Then they came for the flag
And I abhorred what it symbolized
Because they wrapped themselves in it
Then they came for the democratic process
And I watched in disbelief and horror
Because they claimed they were patriots
Now they want to take back control of a woman's body
And I will speak up and resist
Because I am done with their hypocrisy.

Join the Idyllwild Women's March and Rally at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, in Idypark. It's time to take back commonsense and join the fight for the legitimate right to control our own bodies.

MARY RIDER
IDYLLWILD



Sweater care and holsters

Originally published June 4, 2015

Q. My daughter gave me a really nice sweater for my birthday. We're having lunch at a fine restaurant later this week. How can I wear the sweater but keep from slopping on it during lunch? -Rudolph, Beaumont

A. When you get to the restaurant, put the sweater on inside out and backwards. Then reverse it again after lunch so the slop won't show. Be sure to wear a shirt you don't care about too much.

Q. I'm considering getting a cell phone holster that attaches to my belt, but which side of the belt should I put it on? -Johnny, Rancho Cucamonga

A. The outside. If you put it on the inside it tends to get caught in your undershorts. I tried it for a few weeks, and it was very uncomfortable.

Water district meeting rescheduled

The regularly scheduled Lake Hemet Municipal Water District board of directors meeting, scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 16, was canceled. The next regular board meeting is planned for 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the district office, 26385 Fairview Ave., Hemet.

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By JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHER

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CLARIFICATION

In last week's Fern Valley Water District meeting story, General Manager Victor Jimenez presented a staff report that FVWD was going from Stage 1 to Stage 3 water conservation.

Jimenez said later that the staff report should have pointed out that the district went into Stage 2 in May 2021. So, FVWD had only been in Stage 2 for about four months before going into Stage 3 last week.

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COMPASS



The Idyllwild Rotary held a ribbon cutting last Saturday at the Rustic Theatre to introduce the Idyllwild Walk of Fame. The sidewalk star (inset) commemorates the ownership of the theater from 1952 and 2020. From left, Rotarian Les Gin, unidentified, Rustic owners Graham and Gail Sutherland since 2020, (in back) Sandy and Keith Froehlich, son of the original owner Glen Froehlich, and Rotarians Patrick Reitz and President Ygnacio Garcia. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK

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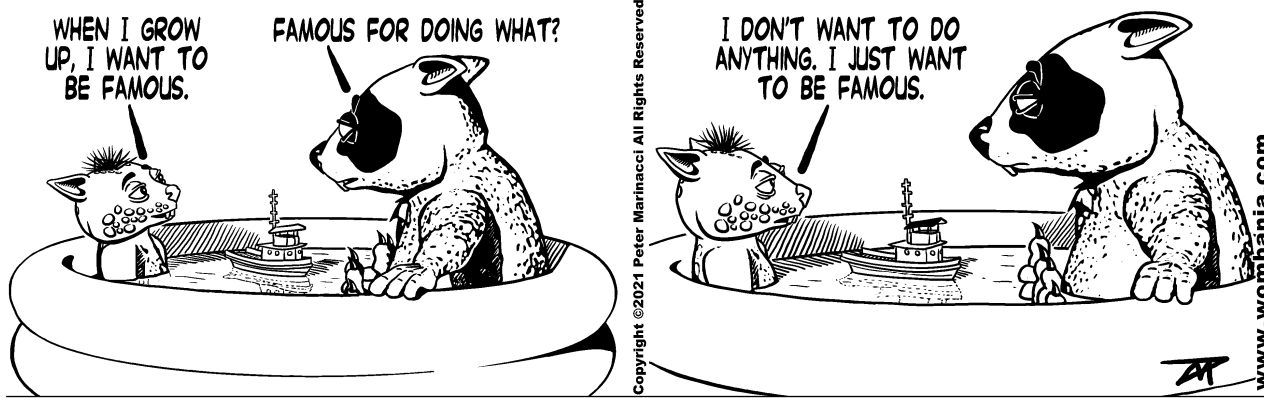


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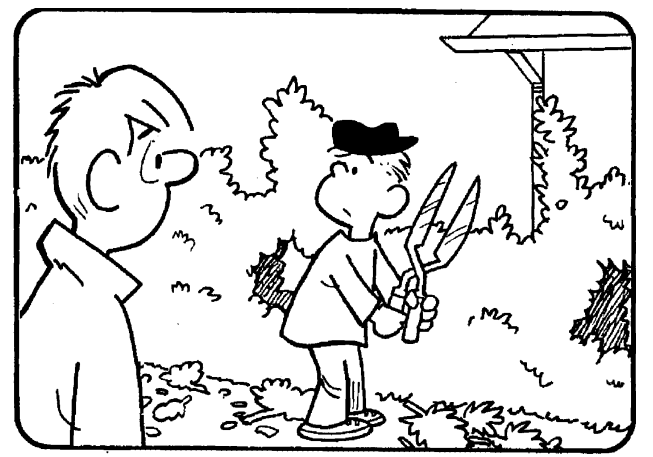
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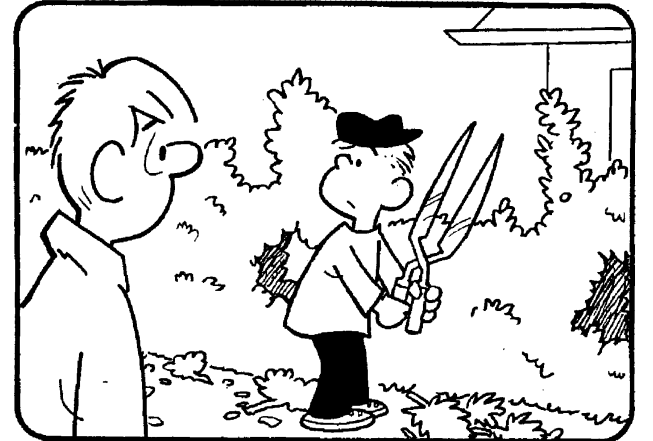
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IT'S DIFFERENT



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Blades are longer. 2. Drainpipe is missing. 3. Pants are different. 4. Leaf is removed. 5. Window is added. 6. Collar is different.

No injuries in two recent Hill crashes

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Matt Napier gave more information on a collision that occurred Tuesday, Sept. 14, whose report was incomplete last week.

At 8:30 a.m. that day, Daniel Maya, 26, of Idyllwild, was driving a silver 2006 Ford E350 van northbound on Cedar Street when at 100 feet south of North Circle Drive, he made a left-hand turn into the parking lot, and, as he did not see a telephone pole at the lot's edge, his van collided with the pole, sheering it off at the base.

It fell across Cedar Street, partially blocking it, and brought down power lines on a semitractor-trailer parked and delivering goods to Ferro.

No one was injured and no vehicles were towed. On Monday, Sept. 20, Mohammad Adam Khan, 20, of Hemet, was riding a black 2021 Indian Scout about 25 mph eastbound on Highway 74, 500 feet east of McCall Park Road, when for unknown reasons, he made an unsafe turn to the right, said Napier, riding onto the shoulder and losing control. The motorcycle collided with the dirt shoulder and Khan was ejected.

He was not injured but Idyllwild Garage towed the Scout.



On Monday, Sept. 20, while she was driving to work, Idyllwild Postmaster **Lorraine Sonoqui**'s car was attacked by a chicken. According to Sonoqui, the chicken got the best of it, simply walking off. PHOTO BY KELSEY SCHLAGETER

March Saturday for women's rights

Idyllwild Indivisible is sponsoring a Women's Rights for Reproduction Rally and March at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at Idy Park. All are welcome and masks are requested.

ICF seeks new members

Idyllwild Community Fund currently has openings for new advisory committee members. ICF provides grants to Idyllwild-area nonprofits through an established endowment with The Inland Empire Community Foundation.

Advisory committee members must be able to commit to year-round meetings at 6 p.m. the second Thursday evening of each month (currently via Zoom online until further notice).

Specifically, seeks volunteers in positions such as treasurer, strategic planning, events and marketing, and other leadership opportunities. To apply, email idycommfund@gmail.com for more details.

New platform for state benefits

In the latest podcast episode of theServiceStation, listeners can tune in to hear from Riverside County experts about a new online platform that will streamline and improve their access to statewide benefits such as Medi-Cal, CalFresh and CalWORKS.

Officials pulled the plug on the old online benefits system known as C4Yourself and replaced it Monday with a new platform called BenefitsCal.com. More than 250,000 Riverside County households manage their food, housing and health coverage benefits on the outdated system.

"The BenefitsCal website is easy to navigate. Customers will find they can get information to their caseworkers faster and more efficiently," said Ricardo Miranda, regional manager over the new California Statewide Automated Welfare System called CalSAWS, which includes counties from across Southern California and links to a statewide platform. "This change is historic for both customers and county workers."

Miranda shared his comments on "theServiceStation," a podcast from Riverside County's Department of Public Social Services. In English and Spanish podcasts, Miranda answers questions, discusses upgrades and lets customers know how to prepare now for the transition that's coming soon.

Find episodes of "theServiceStation" or "la Estación de Servicio" on major platforms such as Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts and Spotify. Access episodes on Buzzsprout and at RivCoDPSS.org.



Rotary President **Ygnacio Garcia** presents a speaker's coffee mug as thanks to **Robert Hewitt** of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council for his talk at the club's Wednesday morning, Sept. 22, meeting at American Legion Post 800. PHOTO BY THOM WALLACE

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Shannon Ng manages both Idyllwild and Anza libraries

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

On June 1 of this year, Idyllwild Library Branch Manager Shannon Ng also became Anza Valley Community Library's branch manager.

"I'm just now getting comfortable," she said. "The COVID restrictions were lifted about the time I started managing both branches, so things became complicated very quickly."

She was offered the Anza position when the branch manager there was promoted to the new French Valley Library, located on Skyview Road off Highway 79 in Winchester.

Asked about her plans, she said they are still fluid because hiring and training new staff at both locations was a priority during the first few months.

"Since then, I have been working with the staff at Anza Valley Community Library to get us back in the public eye," Ng said. "We have created programming, both in-person and virtual, to bring families back to the library. We are actively looking for ways to get out into the community. I'll be participating in Halloween [in Anza] this year."

She said Anza library usage is lower than in Idyllwild. "We share the library facility with the Hamilton High School library on their campus. We are a joint-use facility."

"The school library is available during the day and the public library is open after school. One of our goals is to promote the use of the public side. With the pandemic closures, people aren't aware that the library is fully open again."

The Anza branch does not have a community room, she said, "but the available space makes it possible for us to do evening meetings, community programs and more. We are able to use the school library space when there aren't students present."

"We have already started Storytimes and special Saturday programs. This year we have had voting in the library but the school worked directly with the Registrar of Voters to make it happen."

Asked how she is able to juggle managing both libraries, she said, "Much of what I do is the same for both branches so that part isn't too bad. I was in search of something fresh and a bit of a challenge. This situation works."

"As you know, the staff at Idyllwild Library is amazing. I can count on them to keep the library running smoothly while I take on new things both at Anza and system-wide for the Riverside County Library System. I'm spoiled with such an amazing team to work with."



Shannon Ng at her Idyllwild Library desk in 2015.

FILE PHOTO

She also was complimentary of the Anza staff. "The staff at Anza is well on their way to being another amazing team. These are very creative, enthusiastic people and I'm happy to be working with them all. Their support makes it possible for me to spend time on RCLS committees that interest me."

Along with managing two branch libraries, Ng also involves herself in benefiting communities throughout the county. She currently is working on training with the county's Mental Health First Aid and serves on the Homelessness Resource Committee.

She also leads the annual summer reading program county-wide. "We use an application called BookPoints to provide the summer reading program online. I'm the RCLS Committee chair for the BookPoints committee."

If that isn't enough, "I also have time to spend on the the eResources Committee focusing on Ancestry and family history, a personal interest of mine," she added. "I'm happily staying very busy."

Making lemonade out of lemons

"The Idyllwild Area Historical Society and museum used to have a beautiful, old, but healthy large pine tree in front of our garden facing North Circle Drive," wrote IAHS Vice President Marlene Pierce. "However, several months ago, a Southern California Edison crew topped the tree, leaving a huge pine trunk."

One IAHS board member stepped up and volunteered to fund turning the old tree trunk into a carving.

The IAHS board hired Cory Lavy of Beard-A-Bear to carve a bear into the trunk. "The latest plan is to have the bear finished by Wednesday evening," Pierce said.

IAHS plans to hold an opportunity sale of \$1 a ticket to name the bear. A table will be set up at the Idyllwild Post Office soon for the Name the IAHS Bear opportunity.



Cory Lavy works on carving a bear into a large pine stump in front of the Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.

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Too Much Fun in the Pines event Saturday

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

Christian Chalifour is bringing Too Much Fun in the Pines, a concert to benefit Spirit Mountain Retreat, to the retreat at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, in the retreat's garden at 25661 Oakwood Street. It will run just under two hours with a short intermission for purchasing snacks.

The concert features John Walz, Los Angeles Opera principal violoncello; Les Woodson, bassist, who looks like John Williams; Lawrence Spector, classical guitarist; Chalifour on harp; and Dottie Goldfarb, concertmaster. Chalifour also will direct the debut performance of the Idyllwild Chamber Orchestra.

Music will be light classical and pops. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child under age 12. Call the retreat at 951-659-2523 for tickets and reservations.

Chalifour said the concert will be diverse "with a little something for everyone. We'll be playing mostly popular music with standards, jazz, Latin, film music, light classical and a couple of mystery tunes with prizes for whoever can guess them first."

Chalifour will open with a couple of harp solos; Walz will be featured in "The Swan" from "Carnival of the

Animals"; and Goldfarb will play John Williams' poignant "Theme from Schindler's List." "A few light jazz standards will follow with harp, bass and drums," said Chalifour.

Chalifour said he will then "introduce the members of the newly-formed Idyllwild Chamber Orchestra, and the program will continue, with ... Spector playing the lively first movement from Vivaldi's 'Guitar Concerto,' and 'Cavatina,' best known for its use in 'The Deerhunter.'"

"Over The Rainbow" and Henry Mancini's "Baby Elephant Walk" will be included.

Astor Piazzolla's "Libertango" will represent the Latin spirit. Chalifour said Piazzolla is credited with reinventing the tango in 1974. "Por Una Cabeza," the most familiar and popular of the more than 600 tangos written by Argentina's Carlos Gardel, will be featured. The tango is part of the "Scent Of A Woman" soundtrack.

Robert Maxwell's "Ebb Tide" is Chalifour's signature finale that he arranged for solo harp and orchestra for this concert.

The audience then will be invited to "whistle along for the 'Colonel Bogey March,' familiar to film buffs from 'The Bridge On The River Kwai.'" Chalifour said.

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Do I really need two kidneys?

It is possible to live with one kidney. In fact, if one person has injured or sick kidneys, another person with too healthy kidneys can give one away. This is called an Organ Donation.

Each year, there is an Organ Donor Relay Race to raise money to help people who need organ donations.

People put together teams and each person on the team run part of the race. At the end of each person's part of the race, they pass a baton to the next member of the team. This represents people passing an organ from one person to another to save lives.

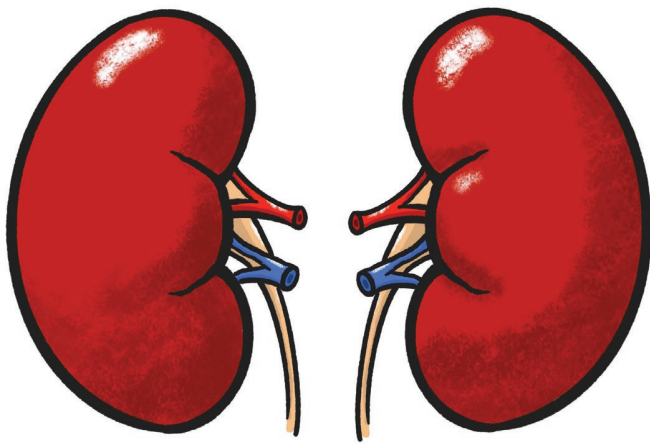
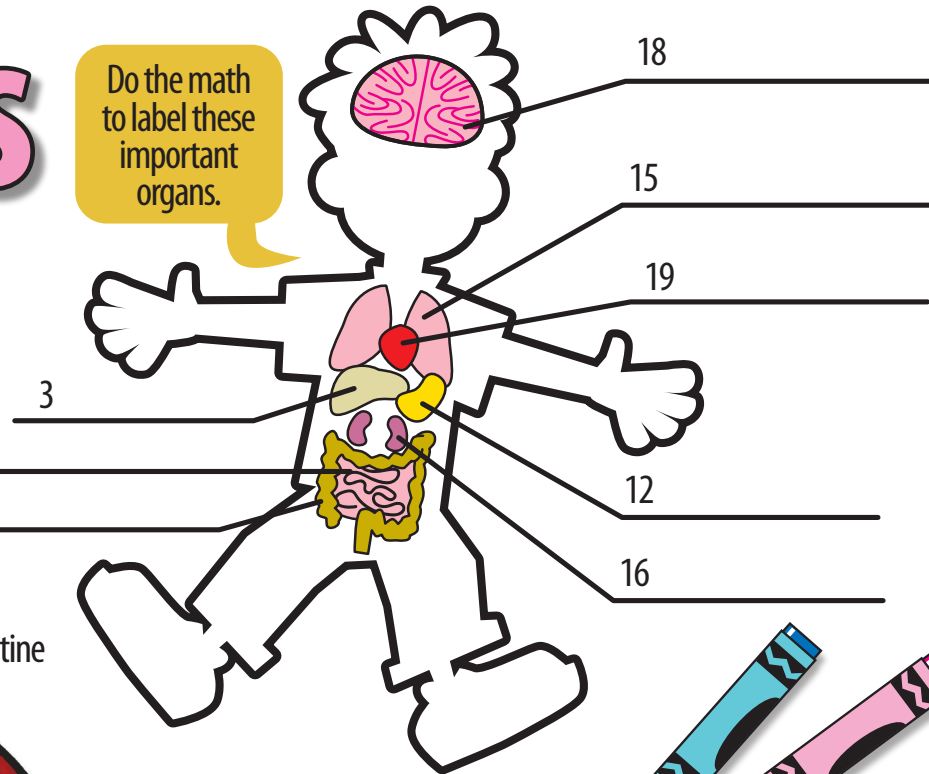
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Kidneys

People may look different on the outside, but on the inside, we all have the same parts. The human body contains some parts, called **organs**, that do very important jobs. Kidneys are one of the organs you need to survive!

- 11 + 9 = small intestine
- 3 + 9 = stomach
- 6 - 3 = liver
- 12 + 6 = brain
- 8 + 8 = kidneys
- 12 + 7 = heart
- 20 - 5 = lungs
- 7 + 7 = large intestine

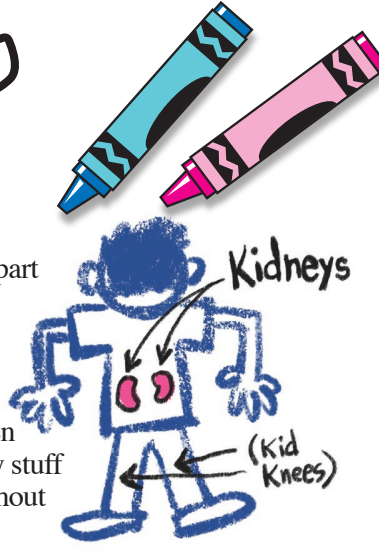
Do the math to label these important organs.



Kidneys Clean Up

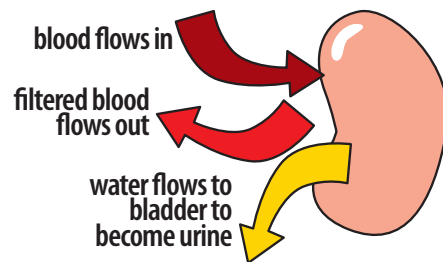
Your body has two kidneys in the lower part of your back. Kidneys help keep our insides clean.

Our bodies need to get rid of unhealthy things that can come into our bodies when we eat, drink, and breathe. The unhealthy stuff goes into our blood which moves throughout our bodies.



Kidney Facts

- Size: About the size of your fist
- Texture: Smooth
- Shape: They look like, well, a kidney bean!
- Protected by: Lower back ribs



On its way around your body, blood goes through your kidneys. Your kidneys **filter** the bad stuff out of your blood as well as remove extra water and turn it into urine. The urine heads into your bladder where it is stored until you let it out when you pee.

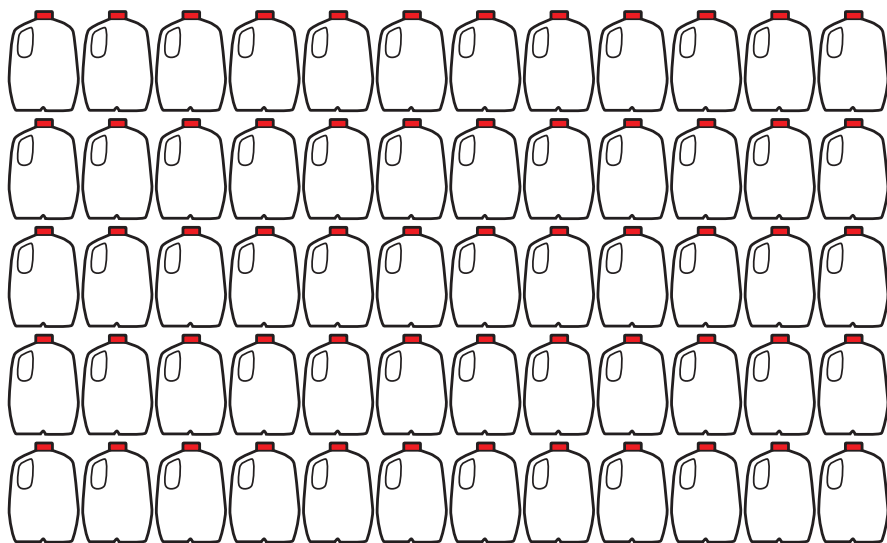
Hold this page up to a mirror to read this important message!

Our bodies have important parts called **organs** that work together just like a team. Some other organs are the heart, lungs, intestines, brain, and stomach.

Kidneys at Work

Your kidneys filter up to 180 liters of blood every day. That's 48 gallons! Color 48 of these one gallon milk jugs red.

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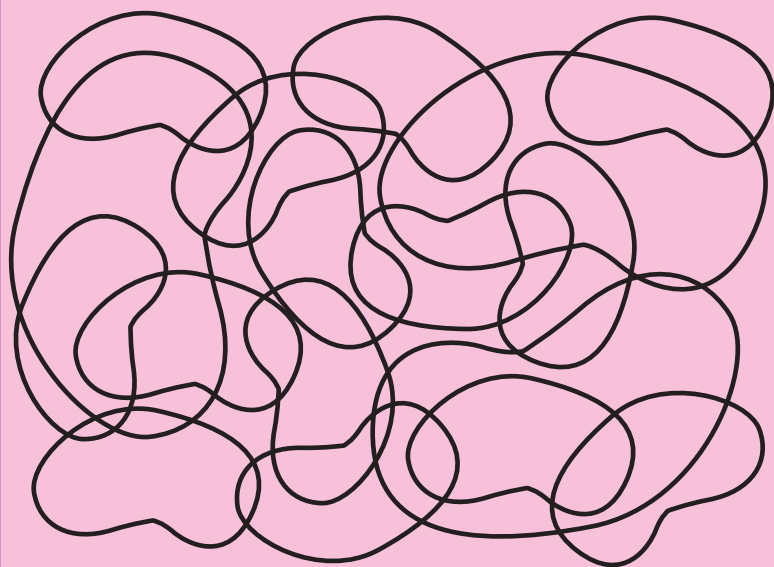
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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many kidney shapes do you see here?



Double Double Word Search

- KIDNEYS
- SURVIVE
- STOMACH
- MUSCLES
- BREATHE
- BLADDER
- ORGANS
- FILTER
- BLOOD
- BRAIN
- LUNGS
- HEART
- TEAM
- BODY
- RIBS

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