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Commission and public discuss short-term rentals

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Editor's note: Spoiler alert: The first paragraph in this story about last week's Riverside County Planning Commission hearing on the latest draft of Ordinance 927, "Regulating Short Term Rentals," reveals the commission's decision at the end of the hearing. If you wish to read about the public comments and commission deliberation chronologically, start with the Introduction of issues.

Commission decision

Wednesday last week, after a nearly six-and-a-half-hour meeting, almost all of which was about short-term rentals (STRs) and revising the current county ordinance, the Riverside County Planning Commission unanimously voted to continue the hearing until, at least, its May 18 meeting.

The commission tasked Planning Director John Hildebrand to address each item discussed at the April 20 meeting and allow the public and the commission another opportunity to review it before sending it to the board of supervisors.

At the end of the discussion, commission Chair David Leonard (2nd District) opined, "We've had comments from the commission and people's comments; I'd like to see what we're voting on through another draft of the ordinance incorporating all these parts before voting on it."

County Counsel Sarah Moore advised that more time might be needed to adequately address the issue of caps or limits on STRs in certain neighborhoods, Leonard stressed, "I don't have a problem bringing it back."

So, the May 18 planning commission session may be the earliest that a revised Ordinance 927 will be available again for public review and comment.

Introduction of issues

Hildebrand began the discussion of the draft ordinance by thanking the public for numerous written comments, "... not just opposing, but providing salient and meaningful input." He stressed that the ordinance only applies to the unincorporated areas of Riverside County and that the commission must recommend that it go forward to the county supervisors for approval and adoption.

However, he noted that changes to the ordinance were not the only steps the planning department was taking, or had taken, regarding regulation of STRs. He described the intent to establish a 24/7 hotline, manned with a live operator, and code enforcement officers on-duty weekends and evenings to enforce the ordinance's provisions.

"The county's [regulation of STRs] is continues to evolve," he said. They are aware that unintended consequences may occur, but changes can and will be made to ensure it is working and fair.

Main Issues

The first issue Hildebrand identified for the commission's attention was the content of the signs that are to be seen from the street with information about the STR and numbers to call about problems. He suggested that a template sign for all STRs might be an alternative, as long as it is easily visible from the street.

Many comments pointed to the inclusion of the STR owner's private phone number. But the availability of the personal number could lead to many nuisances, as well as harassing phone calls.

Whether the noise monitors should be required inside the STR as well as on the outside was another issue Hildebrand identified.

Inspections for STR certificates would obviously identify the presence of the noise monitors, on-site parking, room counts and safety — other issues noted.

How the occupancy limits are calculated was another major issue, Hildebrand noted for the commission. While the number of bedrooms is critical, owners of large parcels with multiple structures wanted more flexibility in the calculation.

See Ordinance 927, page A4



When the Sons of the American Legion (SALs) learned Idyllwild School exhausted all its resources to send this year's students to Pathfinder Camp (at a reduced cost to families), they were inspired to help next year's group make it as well. The SALs donated \$1,200 to the school for the 2023 year trip. The American Legion Post 800 (AL), after hearing the news to help the kids, voted to donate \$500 for the same cause. At the donation Monday are, from left, AL Commander **Paul White**, school Office Manager **Bethany Swanson**, Principal **Nicole Picchiotino**, SALs 1st Vice Commander **Jim Nutter** and SALs Commander **Chad Taylor**.

PHOTO BY JACK TAYLOR

Former Town Crier owner, Sir Ray Tindle, dies at 95

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

Sir Ray Tindle, 95, of Farnham, England, died Monday, April 16, 2022. He was chair of Tindle Newspapers until he turned 90 and became president, stepping down to allow his only offspring, Owen Tindle, to chair the newspaper group that had, at one time, included 200 or so titles from Wales to the Isle of Man and then Idyllwild.

From July 4, 1994 until June 28, 2013, his company owned the Idyllwild Town Crier, its only U.S. acquisition.

Sir Ray paid a visit to Idyllwild every year with his widow Lady Beryl until he could no longer travel because of health issues. He was a collector of old cars and antique spoons. In Idyllwild, he discovered a 1931 Ford Model A for sale and purchased it to drive when he visited, storing it at the office on Village Center Drive. He had it shipped to England in 2013 when he sold the Town Crier.

The couple loved staying in a particular cabin at Idyllwild Inn and hosting a dinner for Town Crier staff on their visits where Sir Ray would recite off-color jokes from his little black book and remind them that England entered World War II in 1939, two years before the U.S.

Born in 1926, Sir Ray served in the British Armed Forces after leaving school, serving in East Asia from 1944 to 1947.

After the war, he bought his first newspaper, the Tooting and Balham Gazette, with his £300 demobilization payment. He told the Town Crier in 1995 that he had wanted to be a newspaper man since he was aged 12.

The same year he bought the Town Crier, 1994, he was knighted. He was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1987 and knighted in 1994 for services to the newspaper industry. The 1994 honor also was for his efforts to improve the United Kingdom's unemployment problems.

For more than a decade, his company operated employment centers in various U.K. cities where entrepreneurs were allowed free rent for 12 to 24 months to begin businesses. If the business succeeded, the owner would have the confidence to sign a lease elsewhere and if it didn't, Sir Ray said, then nothing was lost.

Tindle Newspapers recently described him as a "newspaper man through and through."

Often asked why he bought a newspaper in Idyllwild, his son Owen told the Town Crier in 1994, "Mel Hodel [former U.S. newspaper broker] had been in touch with us for the last seven years, sending us details of U.S. newspapers from time to time. The first one that really caught our eye was the Idyllwild Town Crier ... We wanted to expand and my father has a sweet spot for America."

The Chronicle Publishing Company of San Francisco had owned the Town Crier since 1989 after Co-publisher Dorothy Hunsaker died in January of that year. The Chronicle bought the paper from her widower, L.B. Hunsaker. The Hunsakers were the last mom-and-pop-type owners at the time until Jack and Becky Clark purchased it in 2013. Becky was the former publisher-editor from 1996 to 2009.

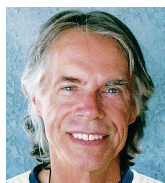
When Sir Ray sold the newspaper in 2013, he also sold the building to Shiloh Christian Ministries that still operates in that location.



Sir Ray Tindle
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COVID-19 LOCAL UPDATE: New COVID subvariants continue to emerge

By Jack Clark
CO-PUBLISHER

A new Omicron “subvariant,” BA.2.12.1, is gaining prevalence in the U.S. seemingly faster than previous Omicron forms. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said it is working to better understand this subvariant, and further new variants are expected. As of Tuesday, April 26, CDC’s current seven-day national moving average of daily new COVID cases was 42,605, up 35.3% over the previous seven-day moving average. But the current seven-day moving average of new deaths, which is 376, has decreased 9.4% compared with the previous seven-day moving average. The Omicron variants account for virtually all new cases in the U.S., and a total of 80,648,481 COVID-19 cases and 987,601 COVID-19 deaths have been reported in the United States.

CDC has reported on the “tremendous progress” made by the U.S. in the fight against COVID-19, with hospitalizations and deaths remaining relatively low across the country and with millions at much lower risk of serious sickness from COVID — but, as the seven-day moving average of cases continues to increase, CDC still warns of ongoing community transmission. CDC strongly urges persons over 60 years of age to obtain a second booster shot, i.e., a fourth overall COVID vaccination. CDC urges people to talk with their health care provider about COVID vaccination.

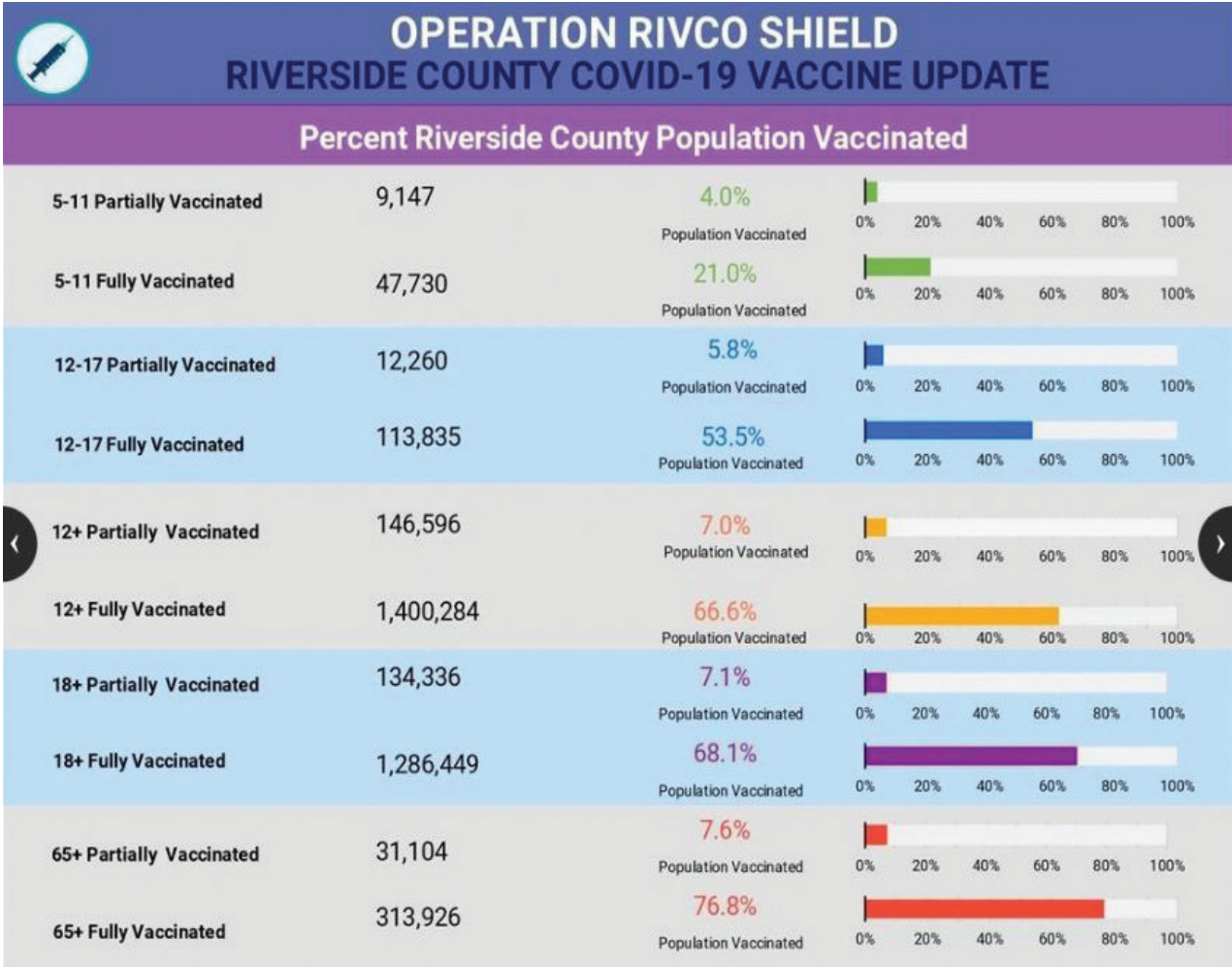
CDC continues to rate Riverside County’s “community level” as “Low.” But people in all community levels are recommended to stay up to date with their vaccines, and to get tested if they have symptoms. It also urges you to wear a mask on public transportation (busses, trains, planes) if you have symptoms or a positive test or if you’ve been exposed to someone with COVID, even where a mask is not required.

As of Tuesday, April 26, Riverside County Public Health (RCPH) still was reporting 313 COVID cases in the “Idyllwild-Pine Cove community,” resulting in six deaths and 306 patients recovered, leaving one still-active case. Anza has had 389 total cases with seven deaths and 382 recovered, leaving no active cases there.

On Tuesday, April 26, the State of California reported 592,683 total cases in Riverside County with 459 new cases this past week, which is 4.4 new cases per 100,000 residents over a seven-day moving average, a 15.8% increase in the rate of new cases over what was reported last week. The state reports a total of 6,450 confirmed COVID deaths in Riverside County, seven more than were reported this time last week. The state also reports 55 currently hospitalized COVID patients in our county

(one more than was reported this time last week), with 100 ICU beds currently available (four fewer than were reported at the state’s website a week ago.) On Tuesday, April 26, the Dashboard of the Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) reported no active cases of COVID among students or staff members at either Idyllwild School or Hamilton School. At Hemet High, one student and no staff members were reported as active cases. As of Friday, April 22, RCPH still reported in Riverside County, 61.2% of the population, 5 years and older, is now “fully vaccinated” (two doses), while 32.7% have now had at least one additional booster. On Tuesday, April 26, California reported there have been 8,587,792 total confirmed COVID cases statewide (50,849 more than were reported last week, which is more than double the weekly increase reported the week before), with 89,391 total resulting deaths (484 more than were reported last week, which is 38.3% higher than last week’s reported weekly increase). Recall that back on March 18, CDC released a recent study showing that, “among adults hospitalized with COVID-19 during the Delta and Omicron waves, those

who received two or three doses of the Pfizer BioNTech or Moderna vaccine had 90-95% less risk of dying or needing a ventilator compared with adults who were not vaccinated.” CDC advises that vaccination, along with other important prevention strategies, continues to be the best defense against severe COVID disease. Everyone ages 5 and up is recommended to be vaccinated, with boosters for everyone ages 12 and older — specifically the Pfizer-BioNTech booster for those ages 12 to 15. COVID vaccinations are available at no charge in Idyllwild by appointment at Idyllwild Pharmacy (1-951-659-2135). Also, RCPH is now listing three upcoming Thursdays — this week April 28, and also May 26 and June 23 — on which dates both Moderna and Pfizer vaccines will be administered at Idyllwild Library. Visit <https://rivcoph.org/COVID-19-Vaccine-with-Registration> to schedule vaccinations through RCPH. Also, CDC suggests visiting vaccines.gov, calling 1-800-232-0233 or texting your ZIP code to 438829 to find a vaccination site near you. Further CDC resources are available at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/COVID-data/COVIDview/.



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Sunday 5/1
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Sunny

Monday 5/2
 68/44
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Tuesday 5/3
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Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	M	S
04/19	79	39	0.00	0.0
04/20	64	46	0.00	0.0
04/21	64	38	0.00	0.0
04/22	42	35	1.12	0.0
04/23	65	32	0.01	0.0
04/24	70	39	0.00	0.0
04/25	76	35	0.00	0.0

Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	M	S
04/19	75	36	0.00	0.0
04/20	69	39	0.00	0.0
04/21	51	34	0.00	0.0
04/22	53	32	0.00	0.0
04/23	65	31	0.00	0.0
04/24	69	39	0.00	0.0
04/25	61	41	0.00	0.0

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 weather sensing equipment at Idyllwild Fire Station, an official NWS COOP reporter. [We are seeking reliable Idyllwild and Pine Cove full-time residents to provide this information. Residents who follow CoCoRaHS procedures would be strongly preferred. CoCoRaHS is an organization of private, amateur weather observers that provides carefully collected data for use by the NWS. If you are interested in providing us with rain and snow reports, please contact jack@towncrier.com or (951) 659-2145.]

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.

A lovely spring day on Ernie Maxwell trail in Idyllwild with temperatures in the mid-60s.

PHOTO BY MANDY JOHNSON

IWD approves finder’s fee for leak detection

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Water District (IWD) Board of Directors unanimously approved a finder’s fee policy for anyone (other than IWD staff) who finds a leak in the system on IWD’s side, not the customer’s. Individuals are allowed two finds per year and will receive a \$25 gift credit card, with a budget limit of \$1,000 per year beginning May 1.

During the public comments period at the beginning of the Wednesday, April 20, meeting, several people spoke, including a former employee, his supporters and Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) Chief Mark LaMont.

Tyler Puckett, a recent former employee, complained to the board that IWD General Manager Havener wrongfully terminated his employment April 6, 2022, for making inappropriate comments but not following the employee handbook in handling the termination. Several people spoke on Puckett’s behalf, including Leslie Schelly, wife of IWD President Charles Schelly, and Puckett’s mother, Marcia Montoya.

Because the item was not on the agenda, the directors could not take action. An audience member asked for it

to be put on an upcoming agenda and a director agreed. LaMont complained that the IWD numbers of IFPD water usage were out of line and he did not understand how the data is gathered.

He said IWD reported IFPD usage of between 10,000 to 20,000 gallons a month through most of 2020. But between October 2020 and February 2021, the usage jumped to exactly 900,121.40 gallons a month. Then in March 2021, it dropped to 100,013.49 gallons but jumped back up to 900,121.40 for April 2021.

The numbers continue to bounce around, often coming back to that exact 900,121.40-gallons figure.

“In the first quarter of 2022 Idyllwild Water showed ‘Fire Department Use’ of 100,013.49 gallons for each of the consecutive months of Jan, Feb and March 2022,” LaMont later pointed out.

He said IFPD has been tracking its own water usage from January 2021 with the most showing 28,600 gallons usage in July 2021. “Since January of 2021 IFPD has tracked and documented use of 209,250 gallons. (This amount is water which has been used for Fire Flow and Training, not for everyday consumption which we pay for through our meter),” LaMont wrote later.

He said during the same period, IWD has reported IFPD total usage of 7,966,180.26 gallons.

IWD has replaced about 700 meters with 1,000 new meters to go.

IWD now has a drone and was able to capture an image of Foster Lake’s low water table (see image).

IWD remains in Stage 1, a decision Szabadi said is based on a mathematical formula as compared to Fern Valley (FVWD) and Pine Cove (PCWD) water districts’ managers making the decisions.

Szabadi saw former PCWD General Manager Jerry Holldber in the audience and asked him for his opinion on making conservation stage decisions. “I’m happy with it,” Holldber offered. “I wrote it.” He said he communicated with customers and “I think people will respond.”

Szabadi said IWD uses a complicated formula and Director Les Gin added, “We’re trying to get a handle on it.”

Havener presented a discounted proposal of \$70,000 versus \$125,000 originally from Inland Paving for some office and plant paving work. Szabadi, Olson, Havener and Chief Financial Officer Hosny Shouman make up the Budget Committee that Szabadi said has met twice, including the prior day. He said nowhere in these meetings has this issue been raised. “Why is this coming up?” he asked.

Havener emphasized that it’s a good price. Olson moved to approve the item but it died for lack of a second.

After some discussion, the board unanimously approved opposing Initiative 21-0042A1 limiting the ability of voters and state and local governments to raise revenues for government services.



Lake Foster in April 2022.

PHOTO BY IWD DRONE

IWD Vice President Peter Szabadi said, “We should have some accurate measures on our end.” The item was not on the agenda so no action was taken.

During the general manager’s report, directors were surprised to see a water loss of 34%. Havener said it was from filling the tanks once they were renovated and that loss is usually from 4% to 5%. Director Steve Olson asked him to back out the tank number so they could see the actual water loss.

President Schelly noted there were no numbers for the horizontal wells in the report. “Why?” he asked. “I don’t know the answer,” Havener said.

One major injury in traffic crash

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

California Highway Patrol Officer Jason Montez reported several solo vehicle collisions in early April on mountain roads.

At 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, Boulus Sahal Hadad, 26, of Hemet, was driving a black 2019 Chevrolet Camaro southbound on Highway 243 north of Round Robin Drive at about 50 to 60 mph when he entered a lefthand turn in the road. His tires went off the right side and as he overcorrected the steering, he lost control, went over the double-yellow line and the vehicle collided on the left with a metal guardrail, coming to rest against the guardrail and blocking the northbound lane.

He was not injured. Idyllwild Garage, however, towed the vehicle. No DUI was involved in the collision.

At 1:38 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, William Parker Austin, 36, of Idyllwild, was driving a gray 1999 Toyota Allion eastbound on Highway 74 west of Apple Canyon Road at about 60 mph when he turned to the right, traveling onto the highway shoulder and striking an inclined dirt hillside. The vehicle came to rest on the westbound highway shoulder.

Austin complained of pain but was not transported. Idyllwild Garage towed the vehicle.

At 7:42 p.m. Thursday, April 14, Christopher Edward Rinner, 31, of Sherman Oaks, was driving a silver 2000 Honda Civic on Highway 243 northbound, 200 feet south of milepost marker 15.43 at an unknown speed.

Rinner veered to the right onto the east shoulder, striking a large boulder. The vehicle continued to travel, rolling over onto its roof and blocking both lanes, facing in a northeasterly direction.

American Medical Response transported Rinner with major injuries to Desert Regional Medical Center. Idyllwild Garage towed the vehicle. No DUI was involved in the collision.

Santa Rosas get encroachment permit

The Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians reported on Facebook Monday that “after nearly three years of efforts and hard work (and unnecessary hurdles from CalTrans), we were finally issued an encroachment permit in order complete the entrance for the Santa Rosa Pit Stop.

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Public comments

After Hildebrand’s introduction, Leonard began the introduction of the public comment part of the hearing. With so many people already requesting to speak, he acknowledged, “When the hearing ends today, we don’t know. But we’re making a day of it.”

He also shared that the commission had already received more than 2,300 pages of written comments on the draft ordinance. “There were an overwhelming number of comments from the Pine Cove and Idyllwild areas,” he added. The public comment period during the hearing extended for nearly four hours.

Many of the speakers were Idyllwild residents or Idyllwild STR owners. Jon Brown, Woody Henderson and Peter Szabadi attended or called into the hearing.

Also, former Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz addressed the commission in person. He expressed support for the “enhanced ordinance.” But he stressed that when an illegal activity or emergency is identified, greater communication needs to occur between the county and local authorities.

Examples of problems he has encountered include firing guns in residential neighborhoods, beds placed in closets or basements, lack of fire escapes for higher floors and tampering with fire detectors.

Reitz urged increased inspections to help deter STRs without county certificates and added that the first time fine of “... \$1,500 is not enough to dissuade these operators.”

Joel Feingold attended and expressed concern about the failure to in the revised ordinance to place caps or limitations on the number of STRs in a neighborhood.

“Our town is on the verge of losing itself to the STR industry,” Feingold began. “Please help us to preserve the integrity of our community and neighborhoods with a quota.”

Commission discussion and recommendations

After the public speakers had finished, the commission began its discussion of the major issues in the draft ordinance. Hildebrand, who took notes throughout the meeting, would identify the issue, describe how it currently is addressed in the draft and ask the commission whether to make any changes affecting the issue.

The first item was that an STR stay be required to be at least two nights. Several owners described situations where the public only wants and needs an overnight stay. While the two-night minimum is intended to reduce the chances that the STR simply becomes a location for a loud and boisterous party, the commission felt one-night stays should be allowed.

The content and requirement for signage was further discussed. None of the commissioners objected to signs being posted and visible from the street. Hildebrand suggested that personal phone numbers should not be on the signs. The code enforcement 24/7 number would be included and the operator receiving the call has the discretion to request sheriff’s deputies to respond and intervene.

One concern Commissioner Gary Thornhill (3rd District) described was how the county can differentiate between owner-occupied STRs and STRs under the responsibility of a management company. “You’re either an STR or you’re not,” he said.

Commissioners Carl Bruce Shaffer (1st District) and Eric Kroencke (5th District), however, were sympathetic to making a distinction between the two different means to operate and manage a STR.

When an owner applies for a STR certificate, the county normally notifies other property owners within a 300-foot radius. Hildebrand recommended this be modified to require that a minimum of 10 to 12 other owners must be notified.

The commission favored requiring noise monitors both outside and inside. When commissioners Guillermo “Bill” Sanchez (4th District) and Thornhill expressed concern about interior monitors possibly recording conversation, his col-

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league Shaffer replied, “I don’t think noise monitors pick up conversations, just the noise levels; they’re not recording.” Consequently, requiring monitors both inside and outside will be in the next draft.

Next, the commission tackled the issue of what constitutes adequate parking for an STR. Hildebrand stated that it is a function of the occupancy limit and should be on-site. “However, we don’t want people parking on the lawn. And we’re not counting off-site spaces.”

Leonard was worried that to accommodate more parking space, owners in the mountain communities might have to cut down trees, which are an integral part of the ambience that attracts visitors to these locations. And he was concerned whether it should be limited to paved surfaces rather than dirt surfaces.

Shaffer noted that parking becomes a safety issue because people will park wherever there is a place to park.

No change was recommended after Hildebrand said, “Parking was an enforcement issue and eligibility for a STR certificate. If adequate parking is not available, we wouldn’t issue a certificate.”

The occupancy criteria would not change. It remains based on the number of bedrooms, which will be defined as space normally occupied for sleeping purposes.

County Counsel Aaron Gettis recommended that requiring STR owners to have a homeowner’s insurance policy should not be required. The county does not have responsibility for liability, the owner does.

Next, the commission debated whether an STR can be permitted if it’s not on a “paved road.” Hildebrand observed that that is an issue that has frequently been raised by Idyllwild and Pine Cove residents but is not limited to the Hill. The difficulty, he stressed, is how to define “paved.” It could be compaction, decomposed granite, asphalt or even county maintained.

“Access is a big issue for me,” Leonard said. “It should be a county-maintained road and maybe a paved surface.”

Planning official Bob McGee told the commission that the county requires all-weather access for commercial structures. But if the STR was already there, then it had to have already been permitted by the fire agencies.

Kroencke asked about road width that can range from 20 to 26 feet. And if the STR

is on a private road, who maintains it? Commissioners also wondered if weekend only use created by visitors to an STR is more or less than daily access to and from a full-time occupied dwelling.

The final issue the commission debated was caps or limits on the number of STRs in an area or neighborhood.

Hildebrand expressed unease with having “different rules for different areas of the county” and felt that the commission had decided not to go with creating subsidiary boundaries for different county areas.

However, Thornhill replied, “I’m not sure we did. I thought I made it pretty clear there were certain areas like Idyllwild, part of the Wine Country, that may warrant a different way to look at it because of septic systems and the uniqueness of the Wine Country ... I thought we were going to look at that.”

His colleague Shaffer agreed: “I understand it’s complex and that’s the struggle. But at some point, we’ll have to look at mountain community versus desert communities versus Wine Country. If it is too difficult at this point, I’m willing to go with the consensus, knowing we’ll be back here having this discussion in the future.”

Concluding the discussion over the caps issue, Moore urged the commission not to utilize caps. She argued that “we don’t want people [renting STRs] illegally just because we reached a cap ... The idea of an STR is you don’t know it’s an STR. If we’ve done our job right, you shouldn’t need to have a cap.”

That concluded the commission’s discussion on how the planning department should revise its next draft of Ordinance 927. Hildebrand said he would plan to have another revised STR ordinance on the commission’s agenda for its May 18 meeting.



Woody Henderson of Pine Cove speaking to the Riverside County Planning Commission Wednesday, April 20. PHOTO CAPTURED FROM RCPC CAMERA

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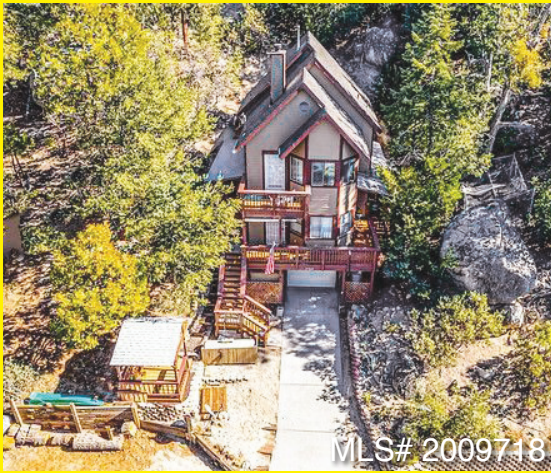


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Caltrans seeks public input on bike/pedestrian improvement

Caltrans seeks public input on its draft Active Transportation Plan, which identifies locations for bicycle and pedestrian improvements on the state highway system across San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

Caltrans wants to align the state’s bicycle and pedestrian network with the needs of local communities, with an emphasis on improving social equity, reconnecting communities, and improving access for all modes of transportation, including people who walk and bicycle.

“It’s our priority to ensure safe access for all users across our transportation system. This Active Transpor-

tation Plan aims to improve safety and access for people who walk, bicycle, and use transit,” said Caltrans District 8 Director Michael Beauchamp. “Improving our active transportation network will result in improved air quality, health, social equity, quality of life, and economic opportunity.”

The public draft is the culmination of the data analysis of existing conditions, along with localized map-based survey responses from the public in fall 2021. This data informs Caltrans of locations where complete streets improvements are needed for bicyclists, pedestrians, and

public transit users, allowing Caltrans to evaluate these locations when developing future projects.

Community members are encouraged to review the Plan and provide comments before it is finalized in July. To view and comment on the draft Plan Summary Report and Story Map, visit <https://bit.ly/CATPlanComment>. The public review period for this draft Plan Summary Report began April 20 and will close Tuesday, May 10.

For more information about the Caltrans Active Transportation Plans, visit catplan.org.



Editor’s note: Organizations, please read your listings carefully and email editor@towncrier.com with any changes.

- Wednesday, April 27**
- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Fit After 50, noon-1p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Idyllwild Chamber Orchestra rehearsal, 1-3 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Co-dependents Anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Thursday, April 28**
- Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - AA meeting, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Mountain Communities Mutual Aid food distribution, 1-2 p.m. Camp Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha Dr.

- Al-Anon, 6 p.m. Call Kathy at 951-659-6325 for more information.
- AA “We Don’t Know” Agnostic & Atheist, 6-7 p.m. Courtyard building, 54250 Ridgeview Dr.

- Friday, April 29**
- AA, Daily Reflections, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Saturday, April 30**
- Healing Rooms, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Dog Park Saturdays, 3-4 p.m. Rick Barker Dog Park, 26375 Hwy. 243.
 - Narcotics Anonymous speaker meeting, 4 p.m. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous 5:30 p.m. Parking lot next to the Butterfield Amphitheatre.

- Sunday, May 1**
- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, open meeting, noon-1 p.m., Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Highway 243.
- Monday, May 2**
- Friends of the Idyllwild Li-

- brary board meeting, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Science lunch, 11:30 a.m. Gastrognome Restaurant.
- AA, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, 5:30-6:45 p.m. & 6:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr.

- Tuesday, May 3**
- Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Low Income Commodity Distribution (all ages, low income), 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St. Bring box for food.
 - Free Community Healing, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Bible Study, 4-5:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Free ESL class, 5:30-8 p.m. Computer Room, Idyllwild Elementary School, 26700 Highway 243.
 - Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
 - Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oak-

- wood St. Call 951-659-2523.
- Palms to Pines Chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby, 6-7 p.m. <https://zoom.us/j/4391478344>
- Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.

- Wednesday, May 4**
- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Fit After 50, noon-1p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Idyllwild Chamber Orchestra rehearsal, 1-3 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Climate Change Lobby, 6 p.m. Zoom info by email to palmstopines.ca@citizensclimatelobby.org.
 - Co-dependents Anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Community service hours**
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
 - Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri., Sat. & Sun.

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The deadline to apply for the California Press Foundation’s (Cal Press) Campus Equipment Grants program is Friday, May 13. Any California high school, college or university newsroom may apply.

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| • Idyllwild Help Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 659-2110. | • Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. (Closed New Year’s Day, Easter, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day); Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri. |
| • Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon., Wed.; noon-8 p.m. Tues.; noon-5 p.m. Thurs. & Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., 659-2300. | • Idyllwild Ranger Station, closed. Call 909-382-2921. |
| • Idyllwild Nature Center, | |

NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District responded to these calls from Monday to Sunday, April 18 to 24.

- April 18 — EMS call, transport person, 11:57 a.m. Fern Valley Rd.
- April 18 — Public service assist, 6:30 p.m. Maranatha Dr.
- April 19 — EMS call, provide first aid & check for injuries, 2:53 p.m. Double View Dr.
- April 19 — EMS call, provide basic life support, 10:35 p.m. Strawberry Valley Dr.
- April 20 —Outside equipment fire, 3:55 p.m. Tahquitz View Dr.
- April 20 — Smoke scare, odor of smoke, 5:41 p.m. Maranatha Dr.
- April 21 — EMS call, provide basic life support, 10:16 a.m. Hwy. 74.
- April 21 — EMS call, provide BLS, 2:30 p.m. Maranatha Dr.
- April 21 — Smoke scare, odor of smoke, 5 p.m. Maranatha dr.
- April 21 — EMS call, provide

- advanced life support, 10:59 p.m. Saunders Meadow Rd.
- April 22 — Public service assist, 9:14 a.m. Maranatha Dr.
- April 22 — Public service assist, 10 a.m. Maranatha Dr.
- April 22 — Public service assist, 12:56 p.m. Maranatha Dr.
- April 22 — Dispatched & canceled en route, 1:05 p.m. Fern Valley Rd.
- April 22 — EMS call, provide ALS, 3:21 p.m. Hwy. 243.
- April 23 — Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue, 11:24 a.m. Ridgeview Dr.
- April 23 — EMS call, provide ALS, 4:21 p.m. Saunders Meadow Rd.
- April 23 — EMS call, provide ALS, 7:14 p.m. N. Circle dr.
- April 23 — EMS call, provide ALS, 9:12 p.m. Hwy. 74.
- April 24 — Unauthorized burning, 7:07 a.m. Marion Mt. Trail.
- April 24 — Assist police or other governmental agency, 9:28 a.m. Delano Dr.
- April 24 — No incident found, 11:33 a.m. Village Center Dr.

Sheriff’s log

The Riverside County Sheriff’s Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Saturday to Friday, April 16 to 22.

Idyllwild

- April 16 — Public disturbance, 4:20 p.m. 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- April 16 — Alarm call, 5:26 p.m. Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 16 — Fireworks, 9:58 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- April 17 — Alarm call, 5:37 a.m. Tahquitz View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 17 — Suspicious person, 5:38 a.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- April 17 — Civil dispute, 10:56 a.m. Live Oak St. Handled by deputy.
- April 17 — Noise complaint, 7:31 p.m. Fir St. Handled by deputy.
- April 18 — Public disturbance, 8:27 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- April 18 — Suspect info, 10:20 a.m. Address withheld.

Handled by deputy.

- April 18 — Alarm call, 7:15 p.m. Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 18 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 8:38 p.m. Azalea Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 18 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 8:39 p.m. Azalea Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 19 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 2:21 p.m. Azalea Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 19 — Miscellaneous criminal, 2:23 p.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- April 19 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 3:33 p.m. Azalea Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 20 — Found property, 1:39 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- April 20 — Noise complaint, 5:55 p.m. Cassler Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 21 — Suspicious person, 9:44 p.m. Sunset View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- April 22 — Search & rescue operation, 10:19 a.m. 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Report taken.
- April 22 — Alarm call, 11:32 a.m. Robin Dr. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- April 22 — Check the welfare, 12:47 p.m. 52000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
 - April 22 — Check the welfare, 5:51 p.m. 28000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Pine Cove**
- April 16 — Assist other department, 8:36 p.m. 25000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
 - April 18 — Area check, 1:45 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
 - April 19 — Petty theft, 9:25 a.m. Pineavista Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - April 19 — Petty theft, 10:22 a.m. Cascade Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - April 20 — Follow-up, 1:16 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
 - April 21 — Alarm call, 3:27 a.m. Big Pine St. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows / Garner Valley

- April 18 — Danger to self/

other, 12:53 p.m. Devils Ladder Rd. Report taken.

Poppet Flats / Twin Pines

- April 20 — Vehicle theft, 8:57 a.m. 17000 block of Hwy. 243. Report taken.
- April 20 — Public disturbance, 10:31 a.m. 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Handled by deputy.
- April 20 — Vehicle theft, 4:09 p.m. 17000 block of Hwy 243. Report taken.
- April 22 — Petty theft, 8:11 a.m. 17000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino

National Forest

- April 16 — Battery, 7:51 a.m. Address undefined. Unfounded.
- April 18 — Assist other department, 1:44 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- April 18 — Burglary, 2:37 p.m. Gorgonio View Rd. Handled by deputy.
- April 20 — Burglary, 6:07 p.m. Boarder Rd. Handled by deputy.

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

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Registrant Signature: DEBRA MAXINE WEISS

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 18, 2022.

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

PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

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T.S. No. 099254-CA APN: 561-131-030 & 561-131-029 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 1/3/2007, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 5/24/2022 at 3:00 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 2/16/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-0112801 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Riverside County, State of California executed by: DORIS A DAVIS WHO ACQUIRED TITLE AS DORIS ANN DAVIS, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER’S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR

FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; AT THE FRONT STEPS TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE FORMER CORONA POLICE DEPARTMENT, 849 W. SIXTH STREET, CORONA, CA 92882 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 53700 COUNTRY CLUB DR., IDYLLWILD, CA 92549 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$125,124.07 If the Trustee is unable to convey title to any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid by the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder’s office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or

deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 099254-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an “eligible tenant buyer,” you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an “eligible bidder,” you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 099254-CA to find the date on which the trustee’s sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee’s sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee’s sale. If you think you may qualify as an “eligible tenant buyer” or “eligible bidder,” you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117

Pub. TC: Apr. 21, 28, May 5, 2022.

NOTICE OF WAREHOUSEMAN’S LIEN SALE

In accordance with the California Commercial Code 7209 and 7210, HEMET PARK ESTATES LLC will sell the mobile home located at 1400 E MENLO AVE SPC 52, HEMET, CA 92544 by public sale on 05/17/2022 at 10:00 AM. The sale will take place on site. The mobile home is a CANYON CREST II 1325, Serial # KBACSN51528, DECAL # LAG4128. The total amount of the warehouseman’s lien

through 05/17/2022, is \$42,950.60. This lien is based on a termination of tenancy notice dated 07/15/2019. Legal demand has been made to the registered owners, legal owners and/or lienholders to pay the lien, yet no payment was tendered within the required period. In order for you to be permitted to bid at the sale, you must be in possession of cash or a cashier’s check equal to the minimum starting bid of \$42,950.60. Upon purchase, the mobile must be removed from the premises. Please call 909-889-2000 for more details.

Pub. TC: Apr. 21, 28, 2022.

CSVSW2202332 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 30755 D Auld Road, Murrieta, CA 92563. Branch name: Civil.

PAMELA ARROYO LOPEZ TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: PAMELA ARROYO LOPEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: PAMELA ARROYO LOPEZ changed to Proposed name: PAMELA GUERRERO ARROYO

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this hearing 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: 06/02/2022 Time: 8:00 AM, Dept. S101.

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

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

Date: APR 13 2022

JONI I. SINCLAIR

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: Apr. 21, 28, May 5, 12, 2022.

This business is conducted by an Individual. 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 a 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: HENRY R NEGRETTE

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 20, 2022.

FILE NO.: R-202205079

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.

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

Publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for four successive weeks. Four publications in a newspaper regularly published once a week or oftener, with at least 5 days intervening between the respective publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences with the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the twenty-eighth day, including therein the first day.

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: Apr. 28, May 5, 12, 19, 2022.

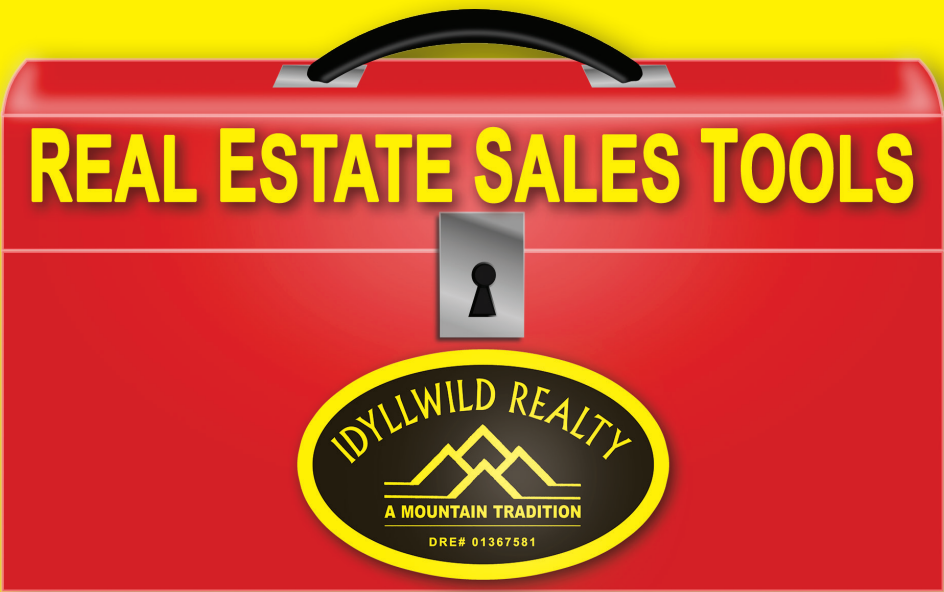
LIEN SALE

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT LIEN SALE ON 5/12/2022, 79405 HWY 111, LA QUINTA CA 92253 AT 9:00 AM, 2008, DUTC, FREEDOM, CCH, 432582X, CA, 47CTDFM258M431582

Pub. TC: Apr. 28, 2022.



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Businesses and organizations are advertising more

By JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHER

The Town Crier is experiencing a boost in advertising over the past couple of months, so much so that we've been required to increase our paper's size by 33% in several issues now, including this one. If you've been in town on weekends lately, this won't surprise you. With COVID cases dropping locally and Hill visitors swarming us on weekends, now is the time for our restaurants to advertise their open employment positions, their hours and their fares. Our inns need to advertise their accommodations and our shops need to advertise their wares.

Many TC Members from off the Hill bring their TCs with them, or they pick up a free replacement at the TC

office. Town Crier newspapers go into the rooms of local inns, which pick them up at the TC office. And TCs are purchased by visitors at several locations around our Hill.

The Town Crier now offers display ads in full page, half-page, quarter-, eighth- and even sixteenth-page sizes. Sign a one-year contract and you'll save 10%. (Nonprofit organizations always receive a 10% discount.) And we always, always, encourage our readers to patronize Town Crier advertisers.

The TC's Membership model has indeed allowed us to survive during these difficult times, but advertising will always be the main source of income when it comes to paying our bills, which include: payroll, contract work, printing, rent, utilities, several types of insurance, bookkeeping, page design and IT costs, feature syndication expenses, Xerox, postage, internet

and security system fees, office supplies, gas and oil – and more.

Our Hill boasts more than two dozen restaurants, bakeries, sweet shops and fast-food businesses. Now is the time for them to advertise staff openings to get their much-needed employees back, and to get their business hours, menus and specials before Hill visitors and local customers.

Contact Suzanne at suzanne@towncrier.com to advertise. And call Mandy at the Town Crier office, 951-695-2145, for Service Directory advertising, Classified ads and Legal Notices, too.

The Town Crier plays an active role in our community's recovery. So, please support the TC's advertisers, and tell them you read their ad in the Town Crier. We are working hard toward the very best for all of us.

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Anonymous (1)

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Cutter, Babz & David
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Miller, Brian
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Anonymous (2)

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Denver, John & Linda
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Gorth, Eleanor
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Mossey, Eugene F.
Mountain High Escrow
Myers, Robert M.
Performance Pumping
(Brad Hamby)
Pine, Ben & Rue
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Quast, Tom
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Ridgewell, Dr. Andy
Robb, Fran & Steve
Schwandner, Gary
Scott, Dr. Sheryn
Shnable, Paul
Smith, Bob
Sowers, Lora
Stone, Anne
Stumpf, Michael & Alexis
Tweedt, Carol H. & Terry
Tylicki, Jeffrey
Yost, Stephanie & Steve Olson
Anonymous (7)

SUSTAINERS

(\$100-\$249)
Agnew, Monica & Tim
Altman, Patricia
Alvarez, Karen
Alvarez, Laura
American Legion Post 800
Ancheta, Anna
Andelson, Becky
Anderson, Diane
Anderson, Rick
Anderson-Alkire, Ellen
Animal Rescue Friends
of Idyllwild
Ansberry, Phil & Laurie
Antkiewicz, Dorinda & William
Aronson, Amy
Art Alliance of Idyllwild
Austin, Patricia
Ayers-Wick, Kimberly
Baele, Kathy & Frank
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Barnett, William & Susan
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Beahm, Justin
Beaufort, Kathleen
Becker, Eric
Beddingfield, Nancy & Paul Leverenz
Begault, Beth
Beggs, Nancy & Richard
Belcher, David & Denise
Benson, Carmel
Bentley, Penny & Donald
Bereczky, Emil
Berger, Harvey & Janice

Mulligan
Berggren, Chris & John Weidner
Bermudez-Perez, Jennifer
Bernardin, Rick
Bernhagen, Cathy & Doug
Bernier, Joe & Lisa
Berry, Richard & Shirley
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Black, Dr. Nadine
Blackman, DM
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Bogart, Rick & Lynn
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Bonnet, John & Susanne
Booher, Jacob & Leeann
Boren, Douglas & Maureen
Bourne, Paula & Joseph Stumpf
Boustead, Ron & Ruth Rivin
Bowman, Suzanne
Bradley, Deanna & Tim Chavez
Brause, Bernard & Jorgine
Brenner-Pionski, Dawn
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Brix, Bjarne & Edith
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Brown, Eddie & Summer
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Browne, Paul
Browning, Sandy
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Buerkle, Peter
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Capune, Dr. Garrett & Harmeet
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Carver, Larryynn
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Cobb, Terry
Cohen, Reg & Tria & Rena Dear
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Coleman, Alex
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Colson, Angela
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Companiott, George & Heather
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Cooke, Robert
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Corbett, Laurie Maxwell
Corcoran, Devin
Corey, Jerry & Marianne
Costner, Jason
Courtyard Building, The
(Robin Mills)
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Cozens, Molly & Paul
Crawford, Waldorf
Criste, Virginia
Curtis, Joe & Shawna
Cygan, Ralph
D'Ambra, Margaret & Michael
Davis, Catherine
Davis, Jayne
Davison, Iris & Peter
Day, Dave
De Antonio, Susan
De Wolfe, Mrs. Ann
Deal, James
Deffenbaugh, Doug & Marta
Demmon, Robert
Dickey, Kathy
Dickinson, Tom & Bev McCullough
Digby, Sherry
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Dixon, Anita
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Doss, Jim & Bobbi
Drake, James & Carolyn
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Dunlap, Col. Greg & Nancy
Dvorak, Jeffrey & Michael Slocum
Edwards, Kathleen
Edwards, Marcia
Emert, Bonnie
Energy Home Service
Eng, Sverre & Gerd
Enguidanos, Susan

Ensch, Ray
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Maloney
Espinosa, Jennie & Steven
Evans, Pat
Excell, Nancy & Guy
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(Gary & Marcie Erb)
Fern Valley Water District
Fernandez, Frank
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Ferrin, Tim & Kelly
Fey, Jennifer
First, Juanita
Fishback, Niel
Fisher, Farah
Fite, Cindy
Foley, Jim
Foley, Louis
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Forward, Debbie/Bryan
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Henry, Linda
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Heuser, Frank
Hilgers, Mark & Heather Patton
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Hogenson, Peter
Hoggan, Heidi
Holliday, Kathy
Holloway, Lisa & Walt
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Honn, Richard & Ann Snow
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Hopper, Douglas
Houghton, Jan & Stan
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Howard, Wayne
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Hubbard, Eugene
Huber, Franz & Nancy
Hudson, Kim & Lowell
Hungerford, Frank
Hyder, Larry
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Idyllwild Fire Protection District
Idyllwild Help Center
Idyllwild Master Chorale
Israelsky, David & Janice Zahn
Jablun, Sharon
Jacaruso, Don "Jac" & Mimi
Jackel, Norman

Jackson, Peter
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Jewell, Laurie and David Wieder
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Johnson, Janette
Johnson, Julie
Johnson, Linda
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Jones, Jane
Jones, Suzie
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Kaiser, Lorraine
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Knab, Mary
Knauer, Cal & Helen
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Krull, Marcia & Ron
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Art Alliance announces show winners

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild (AAI) held its annual Here and Now judged art show Saturday at the AAI Gallery and Visitor's Center.

Artists and Art Lovers enjoyed the Strawberry Creek band's live music, food, wine and other refreshments. The band's duo are Paula King and Mo Mullins.

Chis Groth, Idyllwild Arts Academy teacher and the show judge, said, "With such high-quality entries, it was difficult to choose ribbon winners." But choose he did.

Ribbon winners are:

- Best of Show: untitled ceramic bowl, Terry Rothrock

- People's Choice: collage "View of Idy Rock," Paula King

2D category winners are:

- First place: oil painting "Button Willow South," Reston Riffle

- Second place: acrylic painting "Reflection," Rachel Welch

- Third place: acrylic painting "Desert Bloom," Tim Johnson

- Honorable mentions: pigment and oil on board "# One," Steve Proffitt; and watercolor "Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne," Neil Jenkins

3D category:

- First place: sculpture "Sword Swallow, an Ode to Matisse," Jon Bauer

- Second place: yucca vase, Jim Viglione

- Third place: fused glass "Waves of Color," Scott Finnell

- Honorable mention: sculpture "Indian Head & Wolf," Cher Townsend

Photography category

- First place: "Hold for a Photo," Peter Szabadi

- Second place: "Flower Girl," Jason Cleghorn



Paula King with her People's Choice Award ribbon and her collage "View of Idy Rock," at the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's recent judged show.

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Peter Szabadi with his winning photograph "Hold for a Photo."

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First place 2D winning oil painting "Button Willow South" by **Reston Riffle** with third place 2D acrylic painting "Desert Bloom" by **Tim Johnson**.

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Everyone is welcome to snacks and refreshments at the gallery.

At noon Saturday, June 11, 2022, join AAI at Town Hall for the annual Call of the Wyld free music concert and the Eye of the Artist judged art show. Visitors may win original artwork for the price of a raffle ticket.

For more AAI information, visit www.artidyllwild.org.

Academy's visual art show headed to the desert

Idyllwild Arts Academy (IAA) presents its spring 2022 off-site student exhibition reception, catering to IAA's family of supporters in the desert cities. Following a hiatus during COVID, the IAA Visual Arts students return to the desert and showcase their work, marking the reintroduction of a special partnership with Melissa Morgan Fine Art Gallery (MMFAG) that gives students a unique taste of what it's like to participate in the professional world

of fine art. The visual arts reception is from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 6, at the gallery at 73660 El Paseo in Palm Desert.

The exhibition, which is free and open to the public, runs through Saturday, May 7 and features the year's best visual works from IAA student.

IAA Visual Arts Chair Linda Santana, along with the Visual Arts faculty, curated the exhibition showcasing art from 28 artists in a variety of

mediums, including painting, ceramics, mixed-media, sculpture, drawing, photography, jewelry and printmaking.

Forty works were chosen as stand out examples of the high level of creativity and technical accomplishment from artists in grades nine to 12. The range of art speaks to the experiences of young visual artists in the 21st century with reflections on life, friendships, cultural mythologies and per-

sonal ethos. All art will be available for purchase in support of the artists and IAA.

Following the reception, IAA songwriting students will perform a special rock concert at the Melissa Morgan Sculpture Garden from 7 to 8 p.m. This is part of Morgan's new concert series, featuring trailblazing musicians. Senior songwriting major Gabi Gamberg leads the band and original songs will be performed.



Alice Park's sculpture "Hands."

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Adiya Nabiyeve's sculpture.

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Guanzhi Wang's "Is Heaviness Deplorable."

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Mika Morton's "Mouth."

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Jacob Chang's "Mood Swing."

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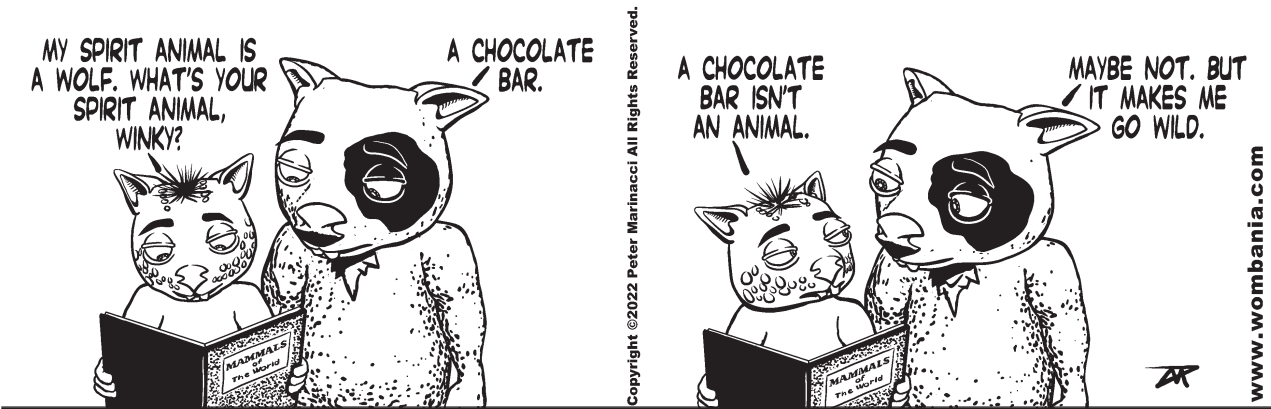
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Chad Schelly, son of **Dr. Charles** and **Leslie Schelly**, ran in the Boston Marathon this year with a finish time of 3:13. Chad is attending BYU in Provo, Utah, finishing his manufacturing engineering degree in December 2022.

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Jayne Davis (left), treasurer of the Idyllwild Scholarship Fund Committee, receives a thank you mug from Idyllwild Rotary Club President **Reba Coulter** at the club's Wednesday, April 20 meeting at American Legion Post 800.

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Visiting artist **Lily McCabe** with locals **Barnaby** (background) and **Anne Finch** (not shown) performing jazz and bluegrass Friday afternoon at Middle Ridge Winery and Tasting Gallery.

PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



Spring is the season when Pacific Crest Trail hikers heading north to Canada begin appearing off the trails in Idyllwild. They start in Campo, California, just by the border wall, somewhat east of San Diego. This is trail speak for "starting in Mexico," right by the border. Arriving in Idyllwild, they have traveled nearly 180 miles by trail. A recent group posed in town with their trail names: From left, back row, **Cap'n**, **Rabbit**, **Hercules**, **Woods**, **Sylvan**, **Raunchy** and **Icky**; front row, from left, **4 Mil**, **Midnight**.

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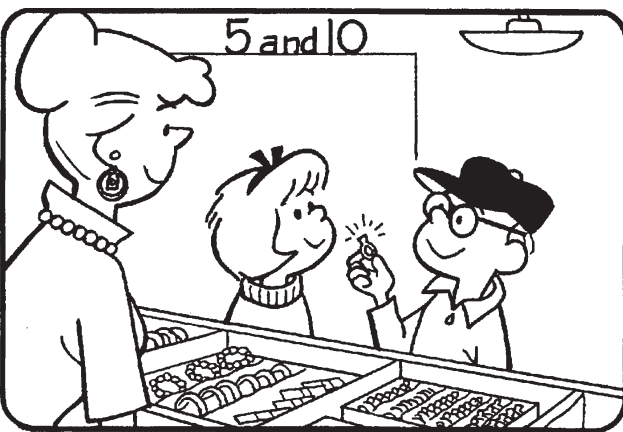
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Steele/Bradley T4 at the Zurich

By JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele and Keegan Bradley posted a 23-under-par score at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans last week to finish in a tie for 4th place.

Alternating between four-ball (better-ball) and four-somes (alternating shots) formats, the pair posted two eagles and 27 birdies, against only six bogeys, and one double. Their highlight had to be the third round of four-ball play when they combined for a fine 63, helped by Keegan's two eagles.

Steele, an Idyllwild native, has now moved up to 52nd on the PGA's FedExCup points list, and he's ranked 141st in the world in the Official World Golf Rankings.

B has this week off, but he told the Town Crier he plans to enter the Wells Fargo in two weeks.

Nature Center seeking rain catchers

Idyllwild Nature Center Park Ranger Steve Perez said the center has "an enormous roof profile" and is seeking rain catchment tanks not being used to beautify the park.

Donors may receive a tax donation receipt for them and Perez said, "I am happy to take care of pick up." Call 951-659-3850 or email spperez@rivco.org.

New VA clinic in the desert

The Veterans Administration (VA) Loma Linda Healthcare System opened a new state-of-the-art primary care facility at 72700 Dinah Shore Drive in Palm Desert.

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Veterans enrolled at the Palm Desert VA clinic can schedule appointments through the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System central appointment line at 909-825-7084 ext. 5085, or at <https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/home>.

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Talisin Hammond, Ph.D.
- Saturday, May 7, 10:00- 11:00am,**
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- Sat. & Sun., May 21 & 22, 9:00am - 3:00pm**
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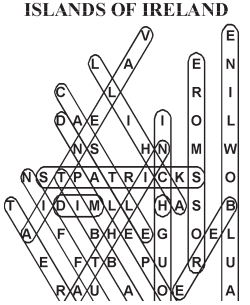
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- 1 Karate level
 - 5 Caprice
 - 9 Perch
 - 12 Writer Wiesel
 - 13 Car
 - 14 Man-mouse link
 - 15 Time between vernal equinoxes
 - 17 "Viva — Vegas"
 - 18 Wesley of "Blade"
 - 19 Striped critter
 - 21 Symbol of strength
 - 22 Chirp
 - 24 Right on the map?
 - 27 — chi
 - 28 Evening, in an ad
 - 31 Duo
 - 32 Grass shack
 - 33 Feedbag tidbit
 - 34 Big name in scat
 - 36 Boom times
 - 37 "Mad Money" network
 - 38 Beetle Bailey's boss
 - 40 Italian river
 - 41 "Untrue!"
 - 43 "Jurassic Park" bird
 - 47 Paris pal
 - 48 Game for one
 - 51 Pouch
 - 52 Daring Knievel
 - 53 Village People hit
 - 54 Exist
 - 55 Fill fully
 - 56 Fashion line?
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Porgy's love
 - 2 Carolina college
 - 3 Actress Taylor
 - 4 Oolong brewer
 - 5 Methods
 - 6 Shade
 - 7 Call — day
 - 8 Code name?
 - 9 Puzzle answer
 - 10 Persia, today
 - 11 To-do list item
 - 16 "Toy Story" dinosaur
 - 20 Understanding
 - 22 Hosiery shade
 - 23 Funny folks
 - 24 Paris summer
 - 25 Piercing tool
 - 26 Start of summer or winter
 - 27 Hoodlum
 - 29 Bar bill
 - 30 List-ending abbr.
 - 35 Small batteries
 - 37 Patients' shares
 - 39 Kentucky Derby prize
 - 40 Bit of butter
 - 41 Houston acronym
 - 42 Actor Epps
 - 43 Anger
 - 44 Marathoner's stat
 - 45 Killer whale
 - 46 500 sheets
 - 49 Eggs
 - 50 Allow

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HOROSCOPES

April 2022 — Week 4

- March 21 – April 19**
The often-skeptical Aries might find that an answer to a question is hard to believe. But check it out before you chuck it out. You might well be surprised at what you could learn.
- April 20 – May 20**
Your resolute determination to stick by a position might make some people uncomfortable. But if you're proved right (as I expect you to be), a lot of changes will tilt in your favor.
- May 21 – June 21**
You might feel conflicted between what you want to do and what you should do. Best advice: Honor your obligations first. Then go ahead and enjoy your well-earned rewards.
- June 22 – July 22**
That financial matter still needs to be sorted out before you can consider any major monetary moves. Pressures ease midweek, with news about a potential career change.
- July 23 – August 22**
A workplace problem threatens to derail your well-planned project. But your quick mind should lead you to a solution and get you back on track without too much delay.
- August 23 – September 22**
An opportunity opens up but could quickly close down if you allow pessimism to override enthusiasm. A trusted friend can offer the encouragement you need.
- September 23 – October 22**
You've come through a difficult period of helping others deal with their problems. Now you can concentrate on putting your energy to work on your own projects.
- October 23 – November 21**
Forget about who's to blame and, instead, make the first move toward patching up a misunderstanding before it creates a rift that you'll never be able to cross.
- November 22 – December 21**
Good news for the travel-loving Sagittarian who enjoys galloping off to new places: That trip you had to put off will soon be back on your schedule.
- December 22 – January 19**
A mood change could make the gregarious Goat seek the company of just a few friends. But you charge back into the crowd for weekend fun and games.
- January 20 – February 18**
A decision you made in good faith could come under fire. Best advice: Open your mind to other possibilities by listening to your challenger's point of view.
- February 19 – March 20**
You can avoid being swamped by all those tasks dangling from your line this week by tackling them one by one, according to priority. The weekend brings good news.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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CALENDAR

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- Wednesday, April 27**
 - Forest Folk cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
 - Storytime: "April Showers/Water Cycle" with Miss Rachel, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Presidents Book Club, Barack Obama, 2-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Friday, April 29**
 - Birding with Ranger Steve, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center.
 - Fifth-annual Open Poetry Jam with Ken Luber and Brian Tracy, 3-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Saturday, April 30**
 - Prime rib dinner, 5-7 p.m.; karaoke, 7-11 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
- Monday, May 2**
 - Crochet Club with Stella, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
- Tuesday, May 3**
 - Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Crochet Club with Stella, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Wednesday, May 4**
 - Forest Folk Cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
 - Bilingual Storytime "Cinco de Mayo" with Miss Pat, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Thursday, May 5**
 - Community prayer gathering for Ukrainian-Russian conflict, 7 p.m. Idyllwild Community Church.
- Saturday, May 7**
 - Decorate a Hiking Stick, Dennie Ohrazda, 10-11 a.m.; frog craft tables, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sierran frog talk with Ranger Steve, noon; San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance Researcher Dr. Talia Hammond, Yellow legged mountain frog, 1-2 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center.
- Monday, May 9**
 - Crochet Club with Stella, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
- Tuesday, May 10**
 - Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Memoir Writing Workshop, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Crochet Club with Stella, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.



55 years ago – 1967
County supervisors approved a request from the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce for the relocation of butane space heaters at Town Hall.

50 years ago – 1972
Mrs. Iva Lee Bowen of Idyllwild, was killed in a

head-on collision with a California Highway Patrol car on Lamb's Canyon Road between Beaumont and Palm Springs.

45 years ago – 1977
Property in the Idyllwild area was reappraised, as the county strived to develop a three-year appraisal cycle.

40 years ago – 1982
The annual 5/10k Alpine Run, sponsored by the Idyllwild Rotary Club, went by swimmingly.

25 years ago – 1997
Samuel Nelson Nesbitt, a Stone Creek man charged with operating a large-scale meth lab, had his hearing with Judge Albert Wojcik postponed.

20 years ago – 2002
The California Court of Appeals ruled that Pine Cove murder suspect Kacee Monroe, 17, would be prosecuted as an adult for the murder of 16-year-old Austin Ross (also of Pine Cove).

15 years ago – 2007
Idyllwild Arts Summer Program instructor Natasha Tretheway won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry for her work "Native Guard."

10 years ago – 2012
Gary Busher, local coordinator for the Second Harvest Food Bank distribution, reported an increase in commodity applicants. He said the group distributed 300

boxes to more than 500 recipients.

5 years ago – 2017
The Idyllwild Fire Department was the beneficiary of two separate grants from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. One gift gave the department eight sets of turnout gear and the other, 14 self-contained breathing apparatuses. The estimated value of the philanthropy was \$49,300.

1 year ago – 2021
The Art Alliance of Idyllwild celebrated the grand opening of its new gallery and visitors center showcasing the art of its members at the third-annual Here and Now judged art show.

CREATURE

CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO
Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," the ARF cats began to imagine people stopping in to visit.

Phil: Here we are for our weekly check-in.

Harley: And we are all still here.

Phil: Yep. No forever homes yet.

Whiskers: But we are still happy here at the ARF House. And now that the weather is getting warmer, the ARF angels are opening the windows to the patio.

Phil: It is so lovely in the patio. I just love the beautiful breeze and sunshine.

Pepper: I guess it is something I'd really miss about here once I find my forever home.

Harley: I wonder if potential adopters know that it is not too difficult to create a patio for any cat.

Angeli: And if there isn't room for an entire patio, a window can be turned into a mini-catio.

Phil: Right! And there are examples of both here at ARF.

Angeli: I'm assuming that any cat guardian or potential cat guardian may stop by to see how wonderful, and easy, this type of safe outdoor space is.

Harley: Of course! The patio and mini-catio are always here for visitors to see. And humans who don't feel they can complete the project may hire a local to do it. That's what some ARF volunteers have done.

Magic: It is such a gift for any cat to be able to safely enjoy the outdoors.

Pepper: I especially enjoy lying in the sun.

Don: If there isn't a patio, there is usually some sunshine streaming through a window.

Phil: True! I follow the sunshine from window to window.

Magic: Many dogs do the same.

Whiskers: I think the warm sunshine on my back feels like a massage.

Don: And that makes us happy.

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 Highway 243. ARF is open Saturdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sundays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and during the week by appointment. Please call 951-659-1122.

Creature Corner is sponsored by Sandi Mathers.



Harley



Magic



Angeli



The late Sir Ray (in the driver's seat) and Lady Beryl Tindle (by the driver's door) visiting Idyllwild in 1995 shortly after he bought the 1931 Model A he's seen driving. Some Town Crier employees surround the car: from left, Philip Michaels, Gary Hutner, Sandra Smith, Lisa Sweet, Dolores Sizer, Stanley Borntrager and Becky Clark.

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Calvary Chapel Mountain Center

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IAA alum, Aminta Skye, making name as songwriter

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

Aminta Skye, 19, is an Idyllwild Arts Academy (IAA) graduate, class of 2021, who is moving on and making her mark. A freshman in USC’s Thornton School of Music Songwriting program, her first single was released in December 2021. She is performing now under her own name and also in “Nobody Else,” an indie rock/folk duo with her best friend Lexi Warnock, “using backing bands as needed, trying now to retain the latest, very talented group of all girls, all Thornton majors.”

In listening to, reading about and talking to Skye, she emerges as self-aware beyond her years, engaged in the larger issues around her, and committed to doing what she can in this life. At 16, she gave a TEDx talk from LA’s Grand Park on the importance of arts in education. Her bio then listed her as president of her school’s Environmental Club, founder and president of IAA’s first Black Student Union and a representative of Challenge Success club. She also was senior class president and founder of the school’s Sunrise Movement chapter, and a member of March For Our Lives.

Her song, “Ring Around the Sun,” has attracted attention around the world. Obscuresound.com called it a “standout debut,” touting her “stirring vocal presence” and the track’s “evolution” from “intimacy into soaring rock theatrics...” Euroindiemusic.com connected Skye’s craft to the impact on listeners, noting the song “isn’t only arranged and written beautifully, but it also discusses raw human emotion we all can relate to.”

TC: “Sometimes you are referred to as ‘Sénéga-
lese-American.’ Can you tell us something about your heritage and time there?”

AS: “I was raised in Sénégal where my father and most of my siblings still live, until I started school as a child, and then I moved to Oregon... with my mom and a few siblings (big family). Being Sene-
galese is a big part of my identity and a sense of pride. It has helped shape my perception of success and what it means to be blessed, as well as my work ethic. I want to represent well. I’m also French and on my mom’s side Norwegian and Irish.”

TC: “The intro to your TEDX talk said this ‘... multi-cultural experience has heavily influenced [your] alacrity to learn about other people’s cultures to understand them and the world better.’” Does that sound about right?”

AS: “Sounds right! Most people in Sénégal speak six or so languages (just regional/tribal as well as the national language, French, and Arabic because it’s a Muslim country), and we are taught to greet elders in their first language. You learn respect for others’ cultures and traditions early on, and especially after moving to the U.S. and having even more exposure to different ways of life, I’m very interested and invested in multiculturalism. I love to travel and learn new languages and find out more about different ways of life and different people in the world.”

TC: “You discussed in your TEDx Talk coming from schools that had cut arts.”

AS: “I was referring to my elementary/middle school; it’s one school.”

TC: “And you were drawn to IAA?”

AS: “I chose it for the music program; it was the best place to go to study music as a high schooler. Not many high schools allow you to major in a specific focus. I was a songwriting major and I definitely grew a lot there. Idyllwild was a great place for me to grow musically, and while I had mixed experiences there over the course of four years, I don’t regret the decision to go there”.

TC: “What lessons were valuable there?”

AS: “The first thing is coming from a city to a small arts school. I never really had access to a community of musicians my age. Idyllwild was a great opportunity; to organize bands and collaborate. I consider songwriting to be a group-oriented process. I am a writer but at the end of the day I am trusting my musicians with my music to create on it, too, by playing it... They are adding as well and you need to know how to lead a band in order to achieve your vision for how your music sounds.

“It was also valuable to have talented instrumentalists around me that were great at different things than me. I’m not a cellist, but I want to write cello parts and I can reach out to someone there. Or talk to a trumpet major two buildings over if I’m notating a horn line.

“Second was my group of songwriting peers. That was something powerful for me, being in a songwriting musical community, and learning from my peers. Honestly, they taught me the most, just because their styles were so different and I got to see people trying things I would not have thought of. It challenged me and stimulated me to try new things myself.

“Third, a huge to me, was the ability to perform regularly. A lot of being a good artist/entertainer is experience, learning to handle stage fright, to deal with a live audience.

“Last, there was music theory. Not enough instrumental private teachers teach music theory as part of their basic training.”

TC: “Any specific lessons that stuck with you?”

AS: “Being able to analyze music I like

and figure out what is happening technically so I can apply concepts to my own music.

“My theory teacher for Classical Theory II was Michelle Do. She was just an amazing professor. She always would apply what we were talking about to real music in real time, so she would be talking about a concept and then go over to the piano and play it and have us sing it back. That definitely helped us connecting the dots and putting things together. She was very talented in figuring out how particular students best learned and catering to that learning style. She really cared that we understood what she was trying to teach, as opposed to just getting through curriculum because it was her job.”

TC: “You took classical and jazz theory?”

AS: “I took classical theory which is mandatory and I opted to take jazz theory, which is optional for songwriters.”

TC: “What made you choose USC?”

AS: “Lexi inspired me. We both went to Idyllwild Arts, we met there as songwriting majors. I was not applying to any schools on the West Coast. Lexie convinced me I would like USC. Also, it was the only school where when I had reached out to friends attending college, it was the only one they liked. Every person I talked to said they loved it. ‘Its so amazing, so glad I went here... Mind-blowing, they really are pushing me.’ As music majors — how much they had been able to grow here. It excited me; I just want to keep leveling up musically.”

TC: “‘Ring Around the Sun’” begins with gentle guitar progression I hear as a ‘resilient’ major surrounded by two minors, a wounding and a mourning, with the narrator going between, still trying to find satisfaction in a relationship and moving beyond it...”

AS: “The song is retrospective from an older view on a past relationship. Essentially it is about how moving on sometimes means forgiving someone even if they don’t deserve it. But I like that everyone sees themselves differently in that song; it applies to them in different ways. I actually wrote that in my sophomore year and didn’t record it until recently. It was interesting because the same way it means different things to listeners than it does to me, it means a different thing now than it did then. When I first wrote it I was really close to the anger in that song still. The forgiveness was kind of tongue in cheek, and so now playing it as an adult, I really do understand the situation better and really do feel the forgiveness in general and even for the person that song was about.

“The process of writing that song was unusually easy, it’s basically a diary entry saying everything I wanted to say to that person. It felt cathartic just getting that stuff off my chest. I didn’t think it would go anywhere. But after performing it for people, I found it was more group therapy than it was about me. It was special and surprising that people’s general response was that they felt ‘seen’ by that song. A lot of people would say that hearing it was like I was explaining something they couldn’t express, a feeling of being understood. That was really cool feedback to hear.”

TC: “You hit a chord.”

AS: “That’s why I love songwriting, being able to see yourself in someone’s art. That’s how I fell in love with it, so it’s amazing to be able to do that from the other side.”

TC: “Tell us about recording and releasing ‘Ring Around the Sun.’”

AS: “I recorded my single in Oregon at Ehren Ebbage’s studio (where Lizzy McAlpine records) with producer Yu Kiatvongcharoen. We recorded the song over the summer in 2021 and released it in December. I learned a lot about the promotion process of releasing music

and I learned a lot about my style as an artist. The song was received well in listening tests and is now available on all streaming platforms. I was featured in playlists next to Radiohead, Green Day, Ashe and Lorde. That was cool to see and also orienting in terms of how listeners view me. I was also featured by the European Indie Music Network.

“What has been most cool, though, is different listeners reaching out to me on social media and telling me how the song has touched or resonated with them, and especially when it’s helped them get over something. I remember a message from this student in LA telling me that the song helped him get over his ex that touched me, and another from a mid-20s woman saying how the song brought up emotions from a long gone relationship she didn’t know she still carried around, and she was able to really examine those old feelings and find forgiveness for them and herself with my song. That was so powerful.”

TC: “What early musical experiences do you recall?”

AS: “I remember when I was little thinking ‘they wrote this for me!’”

TC: “What are the first songs you remember?”

AS: Anything by Alicia Keyes; I listened a lot to Ne Yo. A lot of Taylor Swift. The singer Jo Jo... early 2000s R&B. Picture a me as a 3-year-old on the way to preschool listening to Alicia Keyes in the car and feeling like I was going through a divorce! Like I was suffering and she was the only one who understood what I was going through; I felt comforted. That relationship grew for me, being a songwriter, being connected. Becoming a teenager, I listened to basically only rock; my favorite band is Paramore. My song writing evolved because of them. Rather than emotions that were borrowed, Paramore really put words to things I was feeling and didn’t know how to express.”

TC: “We’ve listened to your TEDx talk on arts and education; you’re not just about music, but also activism; you are on social media promoting equality.”

AS: “Those things are super important to me; I feel that being an artist means you have to have something to say. Today it’s very easy to focus just on the image or the ego thing of being an artist, but something I’ve learned from history, that’s really important to me, is using your creative voice to say real things. To represent publicly what we stand for. Artists that have changed the world proved if people are listening to you, you should say something that matters. I don’t necessarily expect them to communicate those values through their medium.

“Not every song needs to be a protest song. There is a place for songs that are just about human emotions, fun songs that just make you want to dance. But as people with a public platform, I expect my artists to speak out about their values. People look to you as an example and they should definitely know what you stand for.”

TC: “Human first, artist second?”

AS: “Totally.”

TC: “You have a new song coming out?”

AS: “I have a new song coming out in winter 2022 called ‘Canyon.’ It is about abandonment and I think it will be an important song for me to release and I hope folks will connect to it the way they did with ‘Ring Around the Sun’.”



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