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STR tax proposed to build full-time housing

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Senate Bill (SB) 584, which has passed the California Senate, would impose a 15% tax on the rental price for a short-term rental (STR).

After its passage, Sen. Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara), who introduced the bill, said in a press release, "The vote today signals the legislative interest in advancing a conversation about what role short term rentals should play in helping invest in housing solutions for our state. The increase in short term rentals, used as a business, requires we examine the impact they present, whether opportunities or limitations, for our housing market."

Collection of the tax would not begin until Jan. 1, 2025. And more importantly, "Facilitators or operators who make less than \$100,000 from facilitating STRs during the prior calendar year are not required to collect this tax," according to the Senate Floor analysis of May 26.

SB 584 (The Laborforce Housing Financing Act of 2023) is intended to establish an ongoing funding source for local governments to create low-income and middle-income housing units across California. This housing would be owned and managed by a public entity, or mission-driven nonprofit.

When the bill was introduced, State Building and Construction Trades Council of California President Andrew Meredith joined Limón in supporting the bill. "We believe the root problem of this crisis is a lack of direct funding to get affordable housing projects off the ground. SB 584 is a real solution, providing a funding mechanism that will bring dollars into local communities to build affordable housing that isn't held back by profit margins."

After hearings before the Housing, Governance and Finance, and Appropriations committees this spring, all of which supported the bill, the full Senate approved it May 31. The vote was 27-11 and moved SB 584 to the Assembly for review.

SB 584's definition of STR is "the occupancy of a home, house, a room in a home or house or other lodging that is not a hotel, inn, motel, or bed and breakfast in this state for a period of 30 days or less."

The 15% tax was estimated to generate about \$150 million revenue annually, according to the Senate Analysis.

Two-thirds of the money is directed to construction of new housing and 30% allocated to the acquisition and rehabilitation of existing housing.

The Senate Analysis explains the reasons for taxing STRs for low- or moderate-income housing. First, it says that both rents and housing prices increase slightly with every 1% increase in STR listings.

Secondly, it states, "STRs also decrease long-term housing supply overall. Several studies analyzing individual STR markets (Los Angeles and NYC neighborhoods) found that STRs contributed to the removal of between 1-12.5% of a neighborhood's housing. This may be due to the fact that, as concluded by researchers at Carnegie Mellon University, STRs motivate property owners to convert properties away from the long-term rental market."

This is not the first attempt to tax STRs. In 2015, current state Senate Majority Leader Mike McGuire introduced SB 593, which required homeowners to report on the use of their facilities for transient or tourist purposes. Its intent was to improve the collection of the Transient Occupancy taxes.

Among the organizations opposed to SB 584, the Senate Analysis listed Airbnb, California Association of Realtors, California Chamber of Commerce, California Housing Partnership Corporation, Expedia Group, Lake Arrowhead Host Community, Sonoma, Napa and Marin County Area Host Community, and Western Electrical Contractors Association.



Associates of Idyllwild Arts Foundation sponsored an annual Paint n Sip event Saturday afternoon at a Delano Road location as fundraiser for the Associates. A bouquet in a vase was the subject of the painting event that was well attended. PHOTO BY MICHAEL SLOCUM

Few come out for IWD rate hike meetings

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

The Idyllwild Water District (IWD) held a pair of "Town Hall" meetings at its boardroom to discuss proposed water and sewer rates on May 30 and 31. The board has voted to approve a five-year plan for rate hikes that could lead to a cumulative 85% increase on sewer bills and a cumulative 27% hike for water, which could really add up to 74%.

Prop 218 notices have been mailed and a public hearing is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday June 21, in the IWD boardroom. Unless a majority of customers for each service submit written protests by the end of that meeting, the new rates will begin to go into effect. This means about 300 letters of protest would be required to scuttle the sewer hikes, and over 1,100 for water.

The meetings were sparsely attended. At the table were General Manager (GM) Leo Havener and Bartle Wells Associates President Doug Dove. Bartle Wells are independent public financial advisers with headquarters in Berkeley. The first night, only one member of the IWD director attended, President Dr. Charles Schelly. Also present that night were Chief Financial Officer Hosny Shouman and five members of the public including this reporter, who is also an IWD water customer. The second night, only four ratepayers were present, including the reporter and one customer returning from the first session. The second night had been planned as a repeat performance, but instead went straight to questions.

The sewer rate hikes are intended largely to pay for a replacement of IWD's wastewater treatment plant, which has been in service for decades. The higher rates will, according to Havener, put the district in a more favorable position as it applies for state grants to finance the project, which is expected to cost over \$7 million. There also are overdue projects on the water side, including replacing supply lines and re-coating storage tanks.

Dove, who claimed 33 years experience consulting on water rates, presented a slide show reiterating the contents of the rate study that has been sent to customers and is available on IWD's website. The study represents four months of work by Bartle Wells.

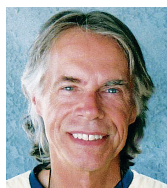
Havener expressed guarded confidence in the ability to get grants once the rates have been increased. Idyllwild qualifies as a "disadvantaged community," he said, "and that helps." He thinks 50% grant funding is "realistic," and that the grant process should take less than a year. He characterized the rate hikes as proof to grant agencies that a community has "skin in the game." Dove also mentioned state "low-cost loan funding." Part will be funded with cash, "about \$1.5 million."

The presentation included a graph representing four sewer rate hike options, between 8% and 15%. The two lower rate increases, 8% and 10%, represent the needed income to pay for the sewer plant if grants are acquired for \$4 or \$2 million. The worse-case scenario shows the present sewer rate per meter growing, over five years, from \$44.20 to \$88.90, and the best-case scenario shows a 2028 rate of \$64.94.

According to Dove, "If the district gets grant funding, it may be able to lower these increases. We're going out and getting approval for this maximum, worst case, so that we have the funding and can show the state and the feds

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Summer wildfire threat lower than normal

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

The Predictive Services unit of Cal Fire’s Southern Operations (Ops) does not expect a bad summer fire season. The June outlook released last week anticipates below normal fire activity through September, especially in lower elevations.

The coastal May Gloom, along with the wet winter, has contributed to a lower threat of wildfires through June and into early July. Lower Pacific Ocean temperatures have prolonged the coastal and, occasional, inland clouds, but is expected to end this month or in July.

“Overall, for the month, temperatures were well below normal across the coastal areas and a little below normal inland. Precipitation was above normal over most of the region,” the authors stated.

Consequently, the live fuel moisture is still above normal and there are no drought conditions remaining in the area.

In summary, the South Ops outlook forecasts, “Large fire activity will be below normal over the higher elevations through September as the well above normal snowpack melts and keeps soil moisture high. Large fire activity will be below normal across the lower elevations in June as the marine layer remains deep. The lower elevations are expected to have near to a little below normal large fire activity July through September...”



Cal Fire working on wildfire abatement between Crest View Avenue and Highway 243 Monday. PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

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Sunday 6/11

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Monday 6/12

58/40
Mostly Sunny

Tuesday 6/13

64/42
Sunny

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

Idyllwild this year					
Date	High	Low	P	S	
5/30	65	36	0.00	0.0	
5/31	51	41	0.00	0.0	
6/1	71	38	0.00	0.0	
6/2	74	40	0.00	0.0	
6/3	78	44	0.00	0.0	
6/4	78	45	0.00	0.0	
6/5	71	47	0.00	0.0	

Idyllwild last year					
Date	High	Low	P	S	
5/30	66	43	0.00	0.0	
5/31	75	38	0.00	0.0	
6/1	84	49	0.00	0.0	
6/2	82	47	0.00	0.0	
6/3	80	49	0.00	0.0	
6/4	82	50	0.00	0.0	
6/5	85	51	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.idyllwild-towncrier.com or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

A clear day near Idyllwild Tuesday morning with temps topping out in the mid-50s.
PHOTO BY JACK CLARK

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Newsom wants to speed infrastructure construction time

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Fulfilling his promise during the presentation of the May revision of his fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 budget, Gov. Gavin Newsom unveiled his proposals to reform the permitting and project review process in California. On May 19, one week later, he signed an Executive Order (EO) while touring the site of a future solar farm in Stanislaus County. His staff also submitted 11 specific proposals (trailer bills) to the Legislature for review and approval.

The governor’s package is intended to streamline and to improve the overall permitting process. The primary goal is to accelerate construction. The governor’s proposals include methods to offer a streamlined process for project delivery to reduce project timeframes and costs. They would make various changes to California law to accelerate permitting for certain projects in order to reduce delays and project costs.

This includes addressing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) processes such as cumbersome procedures around document retention and review.

With \$180 billion for projects — roads, bridges, clean energy and infrastructure — Newsom does not want to repeat the situation where one project generates more than 290,000 pages of environmental documentation. He wants to reduce the time from planning to building, as the state did for two recent sports stadiums in Sacramento and Inglewood.

“We’re addressing the issue of the time with these 11 bills and Executive Order,” he told the people gathered at the site. “We recognize the urgency of the moment we’re living in. That urgency is not just climate change, but around trust. That urgency is delivering on what we promote and promise.”

The day before Newsom’s announcement, Infrastructure Advisor to California Antonio Villaraigosa and California Forward (CA FWD) issued a report urging permitting reform.

“We have a remarkable opportunity to improve California’s infrastructure planning and delivery — and to make sure infrastructure projects are built better, faster and with greater transparency,” said Micah Weinberg, CEO of CA FWD. “We look forward to working with the administration to bring community voices forward as the planning for this historic investment gets underway.”

Another important step would be to expedite the time needed for judicial review of projects. Legal challenges often tie up projects even after they’ve successfully gone through environmental review. These proposals would authorize expedited judicial review of challenges to certain water, transportation, clean energy, and semiconductor or microelectronic projects under CEQA. The proposal does not change the environmental and government transparency benefits of CEQA, according to the press release.

Some other areas included in the 10 proposals are the state’s Endangered Species Act and the Delta Reform Act.

“By streamlining permitting, cutting red tape and allowing state agencies to use new types of contracts (e.g., job orders), these proposals will maximize taxpayer dollars and accelerate timelines of projects throughout the state, while ensuring appropriate environmental review and community engagement,” according to the proposal.

The governor’s press release estimates these proposals could cut project timelines by more than three years, save businesses and state and local governments hundreds of millions of dollars and reduce paperwork by hundreds of thousands of pages.

Or as Newsom described his initiative, “It’s simple, saving time, saving money and addressing bureaucratic malaise. There are ways to do things better and more efficiently.”

Examples of the projects the governor hopes to accelerate include: solar, wind and battery stor-

age projects; transit and regional rail construction, clean transportation, including maintenance and bridge projects; water storage projects funded by Proposition 1; the Delta Conveyance Project; semiconductor fabrication plants; and wildlife crossings along the I-15 corridor.

On May 19, Newsom signed an executive order creating a strike team to accelerate clean infrastructure projects across the state by implementing an all-of-government strategy for planning and development.

EO N-8-23 establishes the senior counselor on infrastructure, who will oversee the infrastructure strike team. Its purpose is to work across state agencies to maximize federal and state funding opportunities for California innovation and infrastructure projects. The strike team’s composition includes most agency heads, such as Finance, Business and Economic Development, Tribal Affairs, Transportation, Natural Resources, Environmental Protection and more.

Among its assignments the EO specifies, the strike team is to identify projects “on which to focus streamlining efforts, particularly those presenting significant challenges but also significant opportunities for infrastructure and job creation, and hold departments and agencies accountable to deliver results in an expedited and effective fashion.”

Engendering coordination among federal, state, tribal and local government on project review, permitting and approvals is another strike team role. Over time, it will also share challenges and best practices across agencies, and identify opportunities for improvement.

“The only way to achieve California’s world-leading climate goals is to build, build, build — faster. This proposal is the most ambitious effort to cut red tape and streamline regulations in half a century,” Newsom said in his press release.

At the news conference, he was more direct: “The question is, are we going to screw it up by being consumed by paralysis and process.”

While Senate Republicans complemented the governor, the Legislature did not commit to enacting the proposals as trailer bills with the FY 2023-24 appropriations legislation.

“California Senate Republicans have been advocating for CEQA reform for years. We are thrilled that Governor Newsom is finally taking action and we support his commitment to help build more housing and infrastructure projects. We remain eager to collaborate with the governor and our colleagues across the aisle in a bipartisan manner to fix California with solutions that address our state’s myriad issues ranging from homelessness to housing to water infrastructure,” said Republican Leader Brian Jones (R-San Diego).

In advance of the Legislature considering Newsom’s package of trailer bills, more than 70 environmental groups sent a May 22 letter expressing their opposition to this tactic.

“These proposed trailer bills are likely to have a significant impact on environmental, energy, water, and good government policies. It is highly inappropriate to move such sweeping policy changes through the trailer bill process because the budget process will not provide for the necessary analysis and review by the public and policy and legal experts. It is important to note that there is less than one month — even if we work every day — to draft, review, debate and pass these trailer bills.

“The trailer bill process does not provide for inclusive and measured policy hearings, open and public consideration of amendments, or the ability of public discussion. Indeed, the trailer bill process is the quintessential ‘behind closed doors’ process that cuts out any meaningful public engagement or transparency except for chosen stakeholders.”

Signers included Audubon California, Defenders of the Wildlife, Environmental Defense Fund, National Resources Defense Council and 70 others.

Three days later, the Senate Budget Committee on Natural Resources voted unanimously 3-0 to take more time to review these proposals.

MATTER OF FACT

In last week’s photo on page B4 of the Idyllwild Community Center’s Greg Jones Band concert, the image is not of the main act. It is the warm-up band of the opening act from last Sunday’s concert depicting Marshall Hawkins, Joey Latimer, and Don Reed.

In the May 25 issue on the last Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) meeting, visiting Battalion Chief Dan Diaz was misidentified as a former IFPD employee. Now employed by the U.S. Forest Service Cleveland National Forest, his local connection was with the U.S. Forest Service San Bernardino National Forest.

Town Crier regrets the errors.

Man released after nearly seven years in jail

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

After deliberating since June 1, a Riverside County jury found a 58-year-old Thermal man guilty of a lesser crime in a case where the defendant was charged with murder in a traffic collision where his baby died on Highway 74 near Mile Post Marker 89.

He has been incarcerated in the Robert Presley Detention Center since his California Highway Patrol arrest on May 4, 2016, at the collision site. His bail was set at \$1.86 million but he was released Monday, June 5, after nearly seven years in jail following the verdict and sentencing.

Marcus Novell Green, 51 at the time, was driving his Porsche and Kristen Leigh Lauer, 25, of Rancho Mirage was his passenger. While the parents, wearing seatbelts, survived the crash, the 5-month-old baby, Armani, who was sitting on her mother’s lap, was thrown from the vehicle and died at the scene.

Green was originally charged on May 6, 2016, with vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence, willful harm of a child and inflection of great bodily harm.

But Lauer was not charged until May 4, 2017, and arraigned on Feb. 20, 2019. Her bail was set at \$100,000 and she was released on bail. She pleaded guilty in December 2019 to murder and willful child cruelty, and was sentenced to life probation.

The jury found Green not guilty of the district attorney’s charges of murder and willful child cruelty. Instead, he was found guilty of Penal Code Section 273A(A): “Any person who, under circumstances or conditions likely to produce great bodily harm or death, willfully causes or permits any child to suffer, or inflicts thereon unjustifiable physical pain or mental suffering, or having the care or custody of any child, willfully causes or permits the person or health of that child to be injured, or willfully causes or permits that child to be placed in a situation where his or her person or health is endangered, shall be punished by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, or in the state prison for two, four, or six years.”

The court sentenced him to 364 days in jail, all of which he has served.

Committee Chair Sen. Josh Becker (D-San Mateo) said, “The overwhelming agreement is that we need to build clean faster and cut green tape ... Although today we are rejecting the governor’s trailer bill proposals based on process, as seven days is insufficient to vet the hundreds of pages of policy nuance in these proposals.”

It is still possible that budget negotiations during the next week would result in some of these proposals being enacted soon. If not, Newsom could propose them as part of the regular legislative process for hearings and approval.

Before the Senate Committee took action, Newsom had already drawn the line, “[this is whether] we’re committed, or just interested in these. They’re essential.”

On the same day as Newsom’s announcement, the Sierra Club of California responded, “We acknowledge the Governor’s desire to promote clean infrastructure, but this proposal needs a lot of work. Newsom must invite the environmental community to the table, and better incorporate community engagement into major legislative proposals such as this. His attempt to rush legislative language through the opaque trailer bill process in under a month is worrying at best.”

But Laura Deehan, state director for Environment California, joined Newsom and Villaraigosa at the news conference and expressed support for the proposals. “California is number one in the country when it comes to solar power ... We need more clean energy, about five times as much clean energy each year. The environmental community will work with you to help.”

But Cal Matters columnist Dan Walters opined, “However, [Newsom] has not been particularly successful in delivering on his promises of bold, transformative action — such as single-payer health care for all Californians or constructing 3.5 million new housing units.”



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 - Grief Support Group, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Thursday, June 8**
- Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

- AA discussion & birthdays, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Mountain Communities Mutual Aid food distribution, 1-2 p.m. Camp Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Zen, 6 p.m. Text/call Valerie Velez at 951-392-6507 for information.

- Friday, June 9**
- Idy A's (AA, NA, Alanon, CODA, etc.), noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
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- Saturday, June 10**
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 - AA, discussion, 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, 4 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr. or Zoom. Call Mary, 951-634-4048.
- AA happy hour & birthdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Behind Idyllwild Water District, 54255 Pine Crest Ave. (bring chair)

- Sunday, June 11**
- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
 - AA, discussion, noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243.
 - Mixed Nuts, 5:30-7 p.m., Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Monday, June 12**
- Riverside County Board of Supervisors, 9:30 a.m. Board Chambers, 4080 Lemon St., First Floor, Riverside.
 - Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

- Codependents Anon, 6 p.m. Zoom. Call Mary, 951-634-4048.

- Tuesday, June 13**
- Riverside County Board of Supervisors, 9:30 a.m. Board Chambers, 4080 Lemon St., First Floor, Riverside.
 - Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 10 a.m. Calvary Chapel Mountain Center, 29430 Highway 243, Mountain Center.
 - Tai Chi for Seniors, 10 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
 - Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 5:30-7:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.
 - Al-Anon, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.

- Wednesday, June 14**
- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Pine Cove Water District board meeting, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
 - Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Community Church Guild, 2 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 54400 N. Circle Dr.
 - Idyllwild Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby, 6 p.m. Zoom link will be sent to those who sign up at <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>.

- 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. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours by appt. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild Help Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 659-2110.
- 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 Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Ranger Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 8 a.m.-noon Tues.
- 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 ARTS

JAZZ

IN THE PINES

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

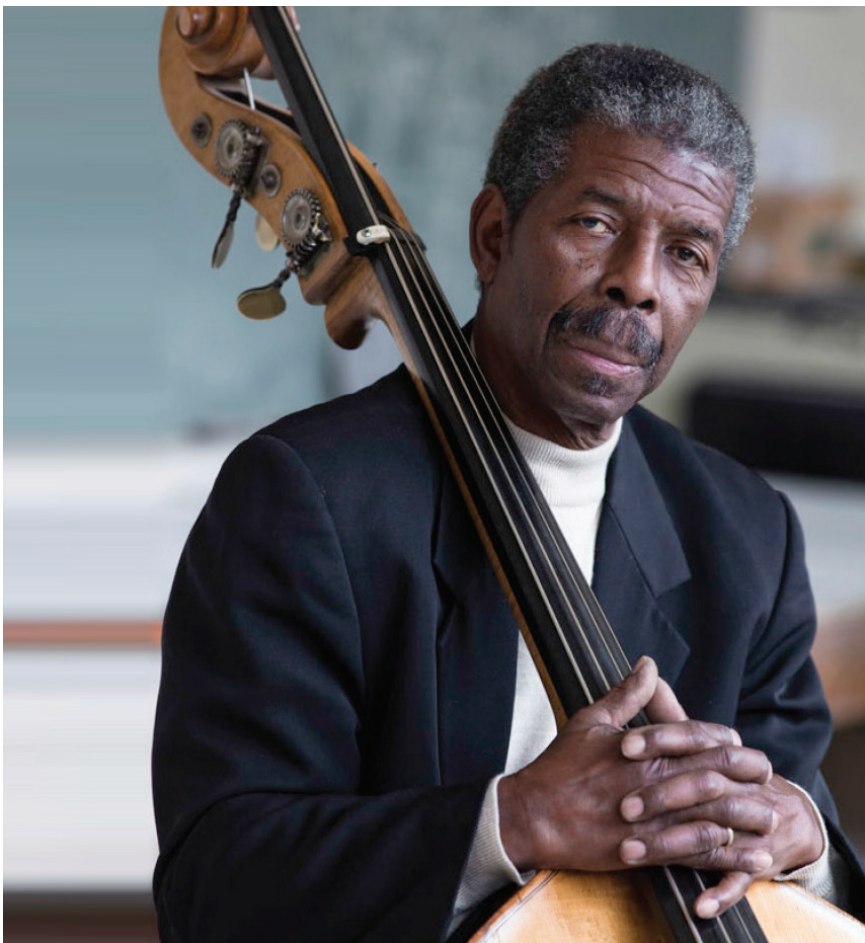
Dear Friends,

Please join us when Jazz In The Pines Festival & Student Clinic returns, July 3rd -15th, 2023. With a new name and mission, Jazz In The Pines Festival & Student Clinic builds a bridge between the professionals we've loved for years and the next generation of jazz artists.

Jazz In The Pines Festival & Student Clinic restores the original vision of festival co-founder Dr. Marshall Hawkins, the legendary bassist, beloved teacher, and walking treasure trove of jazz. Centering around the Student Clinic, the two-week line-up of concerts by professionals and students gives these young musicians a chance to play alongside some of the great practitioners of contemporary jazz. The festival will feature thirteen venues hosting twenty-seven public performances, open master classes, and live "One World. One Idyllwild. The Series." podcast recordings.

Venues include concert stages on The Idyllwild Arts campus including William M. Lowman Concert Hall, Cargill Commons and Stephens Recital Hall. Events will also be featured at select venues in the town of Idyllwild including FERRO, Middle Ridge Winery, The Grand Idyllwild Lodge, The Creekstone, The Rustic Theatre, Harvey House, Cafe Aroma and Idyll Awhile. Two special events will be featured off the mountain, at The Merc in Temecula, CA.

To purchase tickets, become a sponsor, or learn more, please visit jazzinthepines.com.



Headliners include Grammy Award-Winning trumpeter John Daversa & Marshall Hawkins' Seahawk MOJO, along with Euphoria Brass Band, Joshua White, Sherry Williams, Yve Evans, our very own Idyllwild Arts All-Star Student Jazz Combo, and many more.

We are excited about the new format of Jazz In The Pines Festival & Student Clinic. We hope that you attend events on the Idyllwild Arts campus and also patronize businesses in town. There will be a VIP Lounge for select events and All-Fest Sponsorship for Jazz lovers. Ticket prices start at \$25 and support scholarships for the students of Idyllwild Arts Academy & Summer Program.

Sincerely,

Pamela Jordan

Pamela Jordan
President
Idyllwild Arts Foundation

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NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District responded to these calls from Sunday to Saturday, May 28 to June 3.

- May 29 — Traffic crash with injuries. Hwy. 243.
- May 29 — Walk-in public service.
- May 29 — Public service assist. Delano Rd.
- May 30 — Electrical wiring/equipment problem. Ridgeview Dr.
- May 30 — EMS, transport. Hwy. 74.
- May 31 — Dispatched & canceled en route. Wrightwood.
- May 31 — EMS, transport. Hwy. 74.
- May 31 — EMS, transport. Saunders Meadow Rd.
- June 1 — Medical assist. Hwy. 74.

Riverside County Fire/Cal Fire log

The Riverside County Fire Department/Cal Fire responded to these recent dispatches from Monday to Sunday, May 29 to June 4.

Pine Cove

- May 30 — Electrical hazard, 1:34 p.m.
- May 31 — Fall, cardiac arrest, 9:13 a.m.
- June 1 — Miscellaneous, 4:08 p.m.
- June 2 — Chest pain, 2:41 p.m.
- June 2 — Diabetic problems, 8:22 p.m.
- June 3 — Gas odor with medical, 2:29 p.m.
- June 3 — Traffic crash, 3:40 p.m.
- June 3 — Traffic crash, extrication, 6:11 p.m.

Garner Valley

- May 30 — Stroke, 9:27 a.m.
- May 31 — Breathing problems, 2:40 a.m.
- May 31 — Breathing problems, 11:05 a.m.
- June 1 — Sick person, 1:40 p.m.
- June 3 — Traffic crash, 3:40 p.m.
- June 4 — Hemorrhage, 12:14 p.m.
- June 4 — Breathing problems, 11:50 p.m.

Pinyon

- May 30 — Electrical hazard, 1:34 p.m.
- June 2 — Fainting, 11:07 a.m.
- June 2 — Fainting, 12:21 p.m.
- June 4 — Vegetation fire, 5:48 p.m.

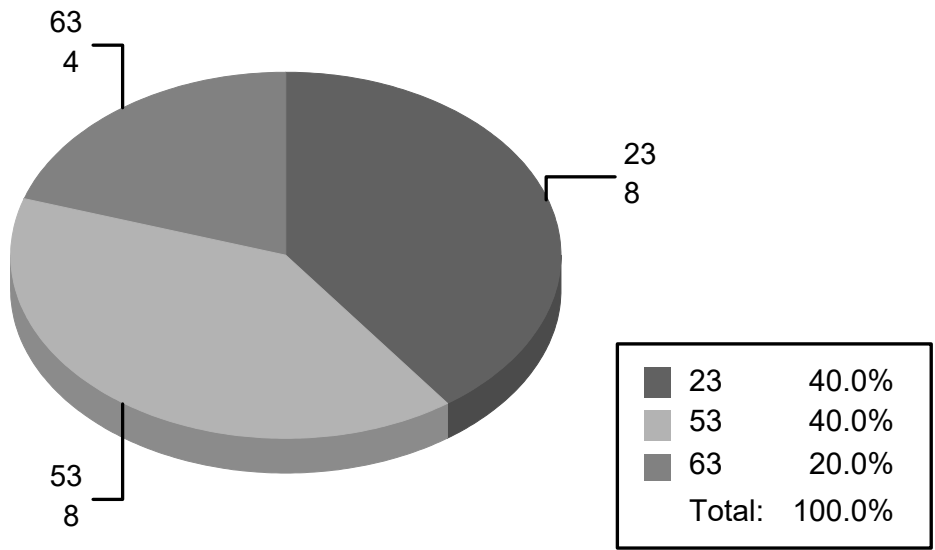
Sheriff’s log

The Riverside County Sheriff’s Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Monday to Sunday, May 29 to June 4.

Idyllwild

- May 29 — Fireworks, 11:56 a.m. 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 29 — Trespassing, 12:05 p.m. Address undefined. Unfounded.
- May 29 — Alarm call, 3:12 p.m. 25000 block of Cougar Rd. Handled by deputy.
- May 30 — Lost hiker, 9:50 a.m. 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Report taken.
- May 30 — Trespassing, 10:42 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- May 30 — Check the welfare, 3:10 p.m. 54000 block of Fern Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 31 — Check the welfare, 2:38 a.m. 26000 block of Dome Ln. Handled by deputy.

- May 31 — Alarm call, 8:09 p.m. 24000 block of Pioneer Rd. Handled by deputy.
 - June 1 — Alarm call, 12:57 p.m. 55000 block of Encino Rd. Handled by deputy.
 - June 1 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 2:32 p.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
 - June 2 — Suspicious vehicle, 8:45 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
 - June 2 — Petty theft, 2:42 p.m. 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.
 - June 2 — Vehicle theft, 3:47 p.m. 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Report taken.
 - June 3 — Unattended death, 7:12 a.m. Address withheld. Report taken.
 - June 3 — Suspicious circumstance, 8:30 p.m. 55000 block of San Jacinto Rd. Report taken.
 - June 4 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 3:51 p.m. 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
 - June 4 — Noise complaint, 10:53 p.m. 53000 block of Idyllbrook Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - June 5 — Alarm call, 9:08 a.m. 55000 block of Forest Haven Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Mountain Center**
- June 1 — Assist other department, 10:36 a.m. Address undefined.
- Pine Cove**
- May 29 — Public disturbance, 8:56 a.m. 52000 block of Pine Ridge Rd. Handled by deputy.
 - May 29 — Alarm call, 10:39 a.m. 25000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
 - May 29 — Alarm call, 12:38 p.m. 25000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
 - May 30 — Public disturbance, 10:27 a.m. 52000 block of Pine Ridge Rd. Handled by deputy.
 - May 30 — Public disturbance, 10:28 a.m. 25000 block of Marion Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - May 31 — Alarm call, 4:18 p.m. 25000 block of Hwy. 243.



	Other Fires	Medical	Others	Total
23	0	3	5	8
53	1	6	1	8
63	0	2	2	4
Total	1	11	8	20

Handled by deputy.

- May 31 — Alarm call, 11:45 p.m. 52000 block of Acorn Ln. Handled by deputy.
- June 1 — Civil dispute, 3:20 p.m. 24000 block of Marion Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 2 — Check the welfare, 5:47 a.m. 23000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- June 4 — Noise complaint, 11:11 p.m. 25000 block of Rosaline Rd. Handled by deputy.
- June 5 — Noise complaint, 12:38 a.m. 25000 block of Rosaline Rd. Handled by deputy.

Garner Valley Pine Meadows

- June 1 — Fraud, 12:08 p.m. 59000 block of Tunnel Spring Rd. Handled by deputy.
- June 1 — Fraud, 1:20 p.m. 59000 block of Tunnel Spring Rd. Report taken.
- June 3 — Assault w/ deadly weapon, 1:53 p.m. Address undefined. Report taken.

Poppet Flats

- June 3 — Battery, 11:45 p.m. 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- May 29 — Public assist, 2:50 a.m. 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- May 29 — Shots fired, 3:47 p.m. 48000 block of Twin Pines Rd. Handled by deputy.
- June 1 — Burglary, 12:52 p.m. 51000 block of Old Mine Trl. Unfounded.
- June 1 — 911 call from business, 1:31 p.m. 54000 block of Keen Camp Rd. Handled by deputy.
- June 2 — Petty theft, 3:47 p.m. 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.

Public Notices
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as IDYLLWILD'S STOPLIGHT, 25965 HIGHWAY 243, UNIT A, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 1593, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.

KIMBERLY ANN EVANS-SMITH
25965 HIGHWAY 243 UNIT A,
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on DECEMBER 2014.

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

Registrant Signature: KIMBERLY ANN EVANS-SMITH
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 05/18/2023.

FILE NO.: R-202307756

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 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 often, with at least 5 days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such 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: May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as PACIFIC MH CONSTRUCTION at 13551 MAGNOLIA AVE, CORONA, CA 92879, Riverside County.

PACIFIC HM CONSTRUCTION INC, 13551 MAGNOLIA AVE, CORONA, CA 92879. This business is conducted by a Corporation.

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: 05/16/2023

COMMISSIONER DAVID E. GREGORY
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

CVSW 2303880
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 30755-D Auld Road, Suite 1226, Murrieta, CA 92563, Branch name: Southwest Justice Center.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: KRISTY COBURN, 30268 Savannah Oaks Dr, Murrieta, CA 92563. PETITION OF KRISTY COBURN for KAIA ANGELINA COBURN WICKHAM filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: KAIA ANGELINA COBURN WICKHAM changed to Proposed name: KAIA ANGELINA COBURN.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at temecula lien services 1.19.2023 copy.indd 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: 07/13/2023 Time: 8 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: 05/22/2023

JAMES F. HODGKINS
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as HAVEN DECOR & GALLERY, 54200 N CIRCLE DR SUITE E2, IDYLLWILD CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO BOX #1575, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.

CHERYL ANN RICE
52790 PINE RIDGE ROAD, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by a n 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 as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: CHERYL ANN RICE
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 19, 2023

FILE NO.: R-202307781

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 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).

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CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
Pub. TC: May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2023.

CVMV 2302458
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK ST. #201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553, Branch name: MORENO VALLEY COURTHOUSE.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: DARLIA RUTHIE VALDEZ, 1877 W. RAMSEY ST SPC 10, BANNING, CA 92220. PETITION OF DARLIA RUTHIE VALDEZ for JULIETTA LOVELLE ROBLES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: JULIETTA LOVELLE ROBLES changed to Proposed name: JULIETTA ROSALIE VALDEZ

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 07/26/2023 Time: 8 am, Dept. MV2.

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

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause

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CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
Pub. TC: June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as PARAMOUNT MANUFACTURED SALES, 13551 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, CORONA, CA 92879.

PARAMOUNT MANUFACTURED SALES, INC. 13551 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, CORONA, CA 92879.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 10/09/2013.

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

Registrant Signature: CARLOS R. PADILLA
PRESIDENT
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 25, 2023.

R-202308134

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 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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CERTIFICATION

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
Pub. TC: June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023.

CVMV 2302693
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK STREET, D#201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. Branch name: Moreno Valley.

JOANNA ESPARZA GUERRERO TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: JOANNA ESPARZA GUERRERO changed to Proposed name: JOANNA GUERRERO.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 8/16/2023 Time: 8:00 AM, Dept. MV2.

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: May 31, 2023

BELINDA A. HANDY
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023.

CVCO 2302046
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S. Buena Vista Avenue, Rm. 201, Corona, CA 92882 Branch name: Corona Branch. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: NICOLE MONAY MARTINEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: NICOLE MONAY MARTINEZ, changed to Proposed name: NICOLE MONAY.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 06/28/2023 . Time: 8 am, Dept. C2.

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: 05/08/2023

TAMARA L. WAGNER
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as JAKES, 664 N. PALM CANYON DRIVE, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262, Riverside County.

JAKES PALM SPRIGS, INC.
664 N PALM CANYON DR, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 09/09/2022.

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

Registrant Signature: RONALD LOPES
CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 27, 2023.

FILE NO.: R-202306538

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CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as VALLETTA ROSE INVESTMENTS at 30268 SAVANNAH OAKS DR, MURRIETA, CA 92563, Riverside County.

VALLETTA ROSE INVESTMENTS, LLC. 30268 SAVANNAH OAKS DR, MURRIETA, CA 92563. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

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

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Registrant Signature: KRISTY COBURN
MEMBER
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 05/30/2023

FILE NO.: R-202308333

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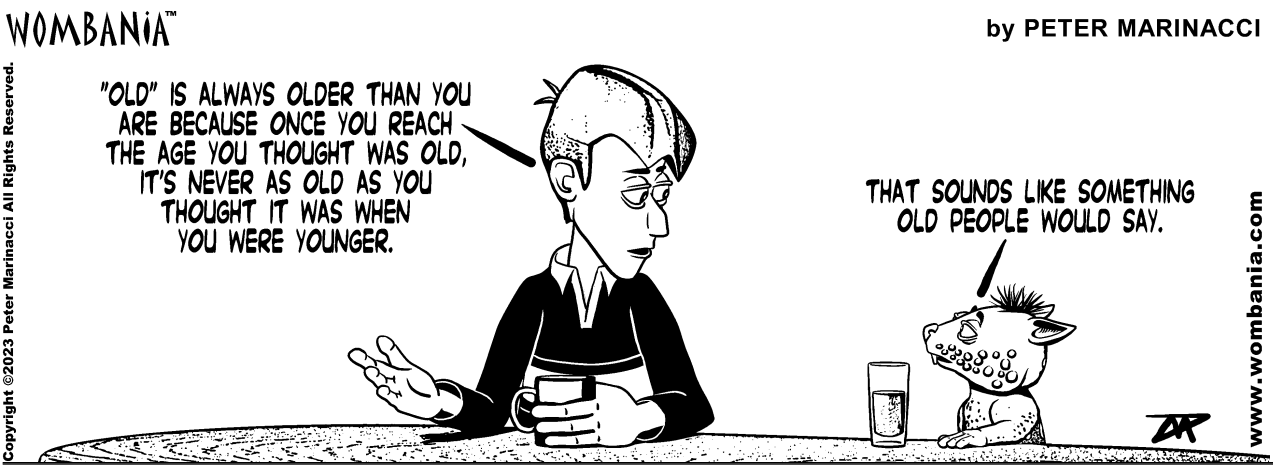
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Legislation to increase county sales tax for transportation projects

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Living on the Hill and working from home is close to paradise. Living on the Hill and commuting to work on the I-10 or state highways 74 and 79 is not fun and often stressful.

Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia (D) has submitted a bill that could help alleviate some of the county's commuting conundrums. Garner Valley, Anza, Sage, Aguanga and and some of the desert cities are part of Assembly District 36 that Garcia represents.

In February, Garcia introduced Assembly Bill (AB) 1385 that would give Riverside County residents the option to increase local sales tax to improve transportation needs throughout the county.

A local sales tax is considered a transaction and use tax. Every county and city is limited to a cumulative total of 2% from transaction and use taxes. Currently, Riverside County imposes a 1.5% sales tax, which includes a 0.5% tax for the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC).

AB 1385 does not levy another 0.5%. To impose and to collect this added tax, county residents would have to approve it through a countywide vote.

The current RCTC sales tax was originally approved in 1988 and extended to 2039, via a 69% approval of a Measure A vote in 2002.

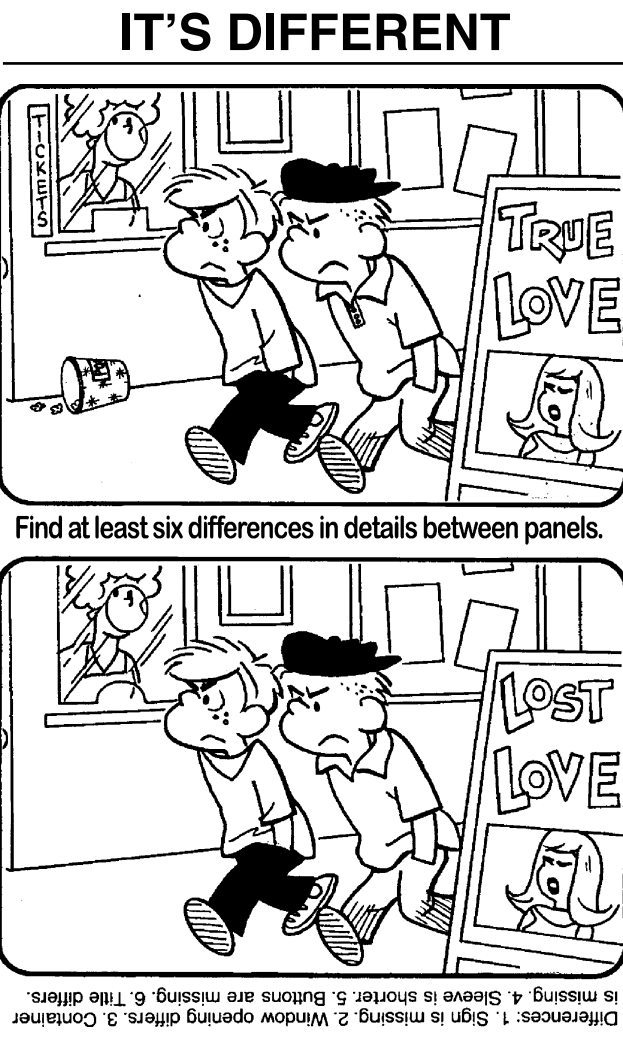
In submitting AB 1385, Garcia stated, "River-

side County is California's fastest growing and most diverse county. As the population and economy grow so does the need for other transportation measures. This bill would give the Riverside County Transportation Commission options should Riverside County's voters choose to implement a new sales tax measure to fund future transportation needs."

RCTC expressed several reasons for asking Garcia to support and to introduce the bill. "While California's overall population decreased during the last few years, Riverside County is the fastest-growing county in the state and the fifth fastest-growing county in the nation. The California Department of Finance projects that by 2048, Riverside County will have 3 million people, up 20 percent from 2022 ..."

"The increase in the county's population necessitates evaluating how to fund much-needed improvements to our transportation infrastructure. Unfortunately, there is a significant backlog of critically needed transportation projects in Riverside County that existing fund sources cannot meet."

According to the Assembly's bill report, the California Taxpayers Association (CTA) has already announced its opposition to the AB 1385 and any added sales tax increase. The report says the CTA argues that "California has the country's highest state-level sales and use tax rate, and some cities have combined rates among the highest overall in the nation. The sales and use tax is a regressive tax that has the largest impact on lower-income resi-



dents because it takes a larger percentage of their household income.

"Additionally, raising the transactions and use tax rate that the Riverside County Transportation Commission is authorized to levy would restrict the ability of other local government entities in the area to raise revenue. California law restricts the combined transactions and use tax in any part of a county from exceeding 2 percent."

This limitation could affect the following county cities: Riverside, Palm Springs, Temecula, Coachella and Corona.

In the RCTC letter to Garcia, Anne Mayer, RCTC executive director, stressed, "AB 1385 does not raise taxes. The bill increases RCTC's sales tax authority from one cent to one and a half cents per dollar and does not alter Measure A's half-cent sales tax rate. Any changes to Measure A requires approval from Riverside County's voters."

IWD meetings

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that we've got the funding approved, the financial house is in order so we can qualify for the grants." But there can be no promise that the full increases will not be realized.

Water charges are more complex. Having fixed charges for the several different supply line sizes, and a unit charge for usage, with different rates for residential and commercial customers. The IWD/Bartle Wells table show a customer who currently pays a \$40.59 meter charge paying \$58.41 in 2027-28. An example showed an "average" user using 400 cubic feet (CF) and currently paying \$49.95 could see their bill increase over five years to \$87.26, over 74% higher, if the maximum increases are deemed necessary by future boards of directors.

The plan reduces water usage rates from three tiers to two. One rate payer present at the Wednesday meeting noted that the lower tier users will see a larger jump in their bills than those in tier 2, heavier users, "Not really encouraging conservation." Dove responded that the rates have been designed "to be legally defensible." During the initial presentation, Dove said that "with Prop. 218, the interpretation in the courts has gotten more stringent," and that the two-tier structure was "more closely tied to the cost of service." He and Havener agreed that legal battles over tiered pricing can be expensive for a district.

The present tiers are 0-450, 450-900, and over 900 CF. The new tier 1 will be up to 400 cubic feet,

and tier 2 any amount over that. The proposed tier 1 rate is \$5.30 per hundred CF, more than double the present \$2.34.

Dove described the wastewater plant as "in poor condition, at the end of its useful life." Havener and Dove also said there are many fines and other actions the state can impose on a sewer plant that starts spilling.

The study looks 10 years into the future at capital funding needs, continuing to put aside money for other capital projects, about \$750,000 per year. This includes work on water lines, tanks and pumps; over five years this totals around \$4.1 million. This is to be covered by an 8% annual water rate hike. No borrowing will be required for the water side. It is, in Dove's words, "pay as you go." Havener, in response to a question from the Crier, said that reserves are to be kept at 18 months operating expenses, and that during the pandemic, when collections on overdue accounts were halted, the reserves were crucial.

The projected plant would be adjacent to the old one on land adjoining Idyllwild Arts (IA), and of the same capacity, 250,000 gallons per day. Higher capacity would require all new permitting. The old one will be kept and refurbished as a backup. Redundancy is "commonplace," and "preferred" in the wastewater business, he said. It will sit on 1 acre of land to be purchased from IA. Once that is completed, within weeks, then the deed must be registered with the county, which may take nine months. The present plant is operating on average at about half capacity, but during wet winters, like this last one, it reaches

near capacity due to "influx and infiltration."

Several years ago the board came close to replacing the plant, but put it off, eventually having to give back funds the state had provided for planning. As Shouman put it, "Five years ago the price was \$4 million. We kept wishing, didn't act, now it's \$7 million." One ratepayer noted that these projects seem to always come in over budget.

Other issues noted by citizens included IWD's lack of continuity in management: Since 2000, Fern Valley and Pine Cove water districts have each had two GMs, while Idyllwild is on its seventh. The sewer system is a financial liability that has been one sticking point in talks about district unification, although Havener argues that the other districts benefit from the proximity of a commercial district with sewer service.

Several ratepayers had questions about illegal subdivision of single family homes into "apartments," often without obtaining proper permits or paying sewer fees for additional units. Havener said IWD does look into these, but that even when the county acts it takes nine months to process them, and the number of units is not likely to solve funding issues. There also is California's "granny flat" exemption: another unit is only assessed if a it is rented out, not if it is occupied by a family member.

One 30-year resident told Havener he would have a hard time selling these increases to the ratepayers. But it is the skeptics who must "sell" their neighbors on protesting the plan, and before June 21.

Sawicki

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has served in the past as president and vice president, and has a background in law enforcement with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. He lost the last IFPD election to Reitz and Messina.

The report of annual (financial year) incident statistics showed a total, at the end of April, of 886 calls, "on track" for an annual 1,200 to 1,250, up 9% over last year. LaMont attributed the increase to "the way they are tracking," with so-called "good intent" calls accounting for the increase. Good intent calls are calls that, upon arrival, turn out to be no threat. This includes things like slip-and-fall calls that do not require medical attention or transport, or "power line down" calls that turn out to be phone lines. Mutual Aid calls also are up.

LaMont does not believe short-term rentals (STR) have contribute to the increase, but he shared his view on the issue: If the new ordinance does not include the necessity for certified STRs to pass a fire inspection, the board can and should vote to require such an inspection in Idyllwild.

The chief told the board that the accounting software currently used is becoming "uncooperative." It is a Government Accounting Standards Board qualified program and expensive to update. The board should expect a request to purchase a "new platform ... not Peachtree or ASSIST," maybe for next year.

LaMont also presented three options from local dealers to purchase a new pickup truck, a Dodge Ram, ranging from \$55,790 to \$75,270. The new hand crew will require transport, and the chief

expects prices of light utility vehicles to increase steeply in the near future. A Dodge maintains a fleet standard, streamlining maintenance.

He told the board the truck could be paid for out of reserves, and that although Federal Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security grants to pay interest on financing are currently unavailable, a new portion of money may be available in October, and the self-financing could then be transferred to a lending institution. Trucks like this also create a revenue stream for IFPD; Mutual Aid calls are reimbursed \$230 per day for a light truck, he said. The chief estimated the truck would pay for itself in five years.

Later in the meeting LaMont pointed out that the department's budget had predicted income of \$1,025,000 for Mutual Aid calls this last year, but invoiced \$1,362,339, a surplus of over \$250,000.

Commissioners had many questions that LaMont answered. "What about a van?" They are less stable and lack the clearance for the rough roads fire crews must navigate. They also do not allow the separation of crew and equipment, including petroleum fuel. "What about electric vehicles?" Until the state can provide charging stations at fire incidents, they are impractical. "You never want to be in the first group of buyers ..."

Other departments who have purchased electric vehicles are not satisfied yet. New Ford Lightnings cost around \$123,000 and have a range of 412 miles fully charged (though Ford estimates that to be 240 miles.) Charging takes up to four hours.

LaMont also told the board that three vehicle purchases are slated before 2026, an ambulance and two administrative vehicles. In the end, the board approved the Ram purchase, with a

\$65,000 cap.

Commissioner Denise Fogle said he would like to place on the agenda for the July meeting a possible one-time bonus to IFPD employees. "Because of our success in the fire season last year, we brought in more money than what we used ..."

The chief also said that they do have the cash flow to pay their "unfunded liability" to CALPERS. This was done last year, paying \$331,000 in a lump sum, saving over \$14,000. This year the predicted amount is \$276,000, "a significant reduction."

Yost and Sawicki asked about IFPD presence at concerts like the one scheduled for Memorial Day weekend at the Butterfield Amphitheater, as community outreach, to hand out fliers perhaps. LaMont expressed concern with keeping emergency aid available at the station. Executive Assistant Rachel Teeguarden brought up complaints from the public after past events, ranging from "Don't they have something better to do?" "They wouldn't dance with me" and "They wouldn't accept a glass of wine." In the end, the chief said, "We'll make a concerted effort to provide a presence as appropriate."

Under correspondence, the board and press were directed to a set of brief, heart-felt notes of thanks from members of the public who received aid from IFPD. This included one from staff at Buckhorn Camp after the crew, working on the Bear Trap fire break, discovered and restored the camp's wooden cross, chopped down by vandals. Another gave thanks for "expert care and professionalism" during a family's "difficult circumstances" on the Ernie Maxwell Trail.

The next board meeting is 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 25.

Our town’s businesses promote each other

By JACK AND BECKY CLARK
CO-PUBLISHERS

The Idyllwild Visitors Guide is a unique device that promotes dozens of our town’s businesses to the tourists swelling our parking lots each week. The Visitors Guide tells the story of each advertising Idyllwild-area business through descriptions and photos, exactly like that business wants it told. The businesses then use the Visitors Guides to promote each

other. Here’s how that works:
The Town Crier distributes hundreds of Idyllwild Visitors Guides to each business — inn, restaurant, shop and more in Idyllwild — which has advertising in the guides. Each advertising business then prominently displays the guides for the taking by visitors to their business. So, for each guide one business distributes to visitors, there are dozens of other guides being distributed by other businesses containing that business’s story-ad. The more

guides in circulation, the more your business gets visited. It’s a cooperative effort with town businesses promoting each other as visitors discover and rediscover our town.
The Idyllwild Visitors Guide is published twice each year — spring and fall — aimed to inform our summer and winter crowds. Contact Suzanne at the Town Crier office at 951-659-2145 to make sure your business is included in this great cooperative community promotion.

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National author O'Meara in upcoming local talk

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library is hosting a talk with nationally recognized author and recent Idyllwild transplant Mallory O'Meara at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 13 at the library.

O'Meara came to California to work in the film industry, becoming a producer of horror films, before she found her voice as an author. Her first book, "Lady from the Black Lagoon," made the LA Times bestseller list, and in 2019 won both the Southern California Independent Booksellers Association Award for Biography and the Rondo Classic Horror Award for Best Book.

Reviews themselves became deep dives into the book's subject, Millicent Patrick. Artist, Disney animator, actress and designer for Universal Studios, Patrick's signature creation was the face of the "Creature from the Black Lagoon," the only classic Hollywood monster to have been designed by a woman. Her participation in a publicity tour for that film led to her firing; the studio's head of makeup was notorious for squashing the career to anyone "under" him who displayed talent or attracted attention, and Patrick did both. Patrick's story was pushed into the depths of obscurity, and O'Meara's task was like diving into a submerged shipwreck.

O'Meara's next book, "Girly Drinks: A World History of Women and Alcohol," moved from biography to broad survey. It is a scholarly and rollicking tour through humanity's relationship with intoxicating beverages, from a female perspective. A recurring theme is that brewing has been, around the world and through history, women's work, and women's business. On every continent and in many eras, it has been a path for women to financial independence, and O'Meara shows us how time and again male lawmakers have taken that away or tried.

This month, her third book, "Girls Make Movies," was released. An accessible guide for young readers, it explains the stages of filmmaking; development, pre-production, production and post-production, in a girl-friendly style that is bound to fast-track generations of future filmmakers.

This week the Crier interviewed O'Meara by Zoom.

TC: How did you find Idyllwild?

MO: I came here on vacation. This was the first place that my boyfriend and I had ever gone to on vacation together. We really loved it. When we were in deep lock-down, it was '21, and we had been living in this one-bedroom apartment in LA together for the whole pandemic, we thought, "Why should we be spending so much money for such a small space that currently we can't enjoy?" He used to be a documentary film producer, now he's also a full-time writer. Neither of us needed to be in LA on a daily basis. We started looking further afield. My boyfriend got real lucky with the place that we're in, in Pine Cove. He just happened to be the first guy to call. We fell in love with it. We've been here a little over two years now.

TC: It's different from Echo Park, huh?

MO: It sure is! Honestly, the biggest excitement for me was the opening of Speak Easy Books, having an "indie" book store up here that stocks so many new books, that is so curated, that sort of aligns with my political values. It just made me feel at home. And now

See O'Meara, page B8

Lineup announced for summer concerts

Ken Dahleen has announced the lineup for the upcoming Idyllwild Summer Concert Series to be extended another week this year at the Butterfield Amphitheater. Opening groups begin at 6:05 p.m. with the headliner at 7 p.m. Thursdays.

- July 6 — Frank DiSalvo and The Sundowners (classic country); opening In the Pocket
- July 13 — An Evening with Barbra Streisand and Big Band Staff (tribute); opening Ken Dahleen's Big Band Staff
- July 20 — Crucial Culture (Latin); opening KalIDYscope
- July 27 — Terri Olsen and The Perfect Blend; opening Paul, Bob and Bill

- Aug. 3 — Ghost Notes (Grateful Dead tribute); opening Sandii and Friends
 - Aug. 10 — Jennifer Singer with a touch of Broadway; opening Bryan and Laree Goodhead
 - Aug. 17 — 1st Marine Division Concert Band; opening Fritz Coleman
 - Aug. 24 — The Broken Hallelujahs (women in country); opening Nathan James
 - Aug. 30 — Blue Breeze Motown Band; opening Lenny and TJ
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TUESDAY, June 20, 2023, 12-1 p.m.

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THURSDAY, June 22, 2023, 12-1 p.m.

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Wednesday, June 7

- Niños & Nature, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Nature Center.
- Preschool Story Time, "Fun in the Sun," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

- Shaolin Qi Gong & Chicks with Sticks, 11 a.m.-noon & 4-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.

- Minecraft & Scratch Coding Class, 2-3 p.m. Mt. San Jacinto Room, Camp Maranatha.
- Lego Club, 3-4 p.m. Mt. San Jacinto Room, Camp Maranatha.

- Idyllwild Chess Club, 5-9 p.m. Alpaca Brunch Cafe.

Thursday, June 8

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Lego Play, 10 a.m.-noon Idyllwild Nature Center.

Friday, June 9

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Bridge Club, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Saturday, June 10

- Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

- Pine Cove Property Owners Association's Spring Potluck Picnic with John King & Change Required, noon-3 p.m. 25384 Franklin Dr.

Sunday, June 11

- Idyllwild Chess Club, 5-9 p.m. Alpaca Brunch Cafe.

Monday, June 12

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

- Summer Program Faculty & Guest Artists' Opening Reception, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, June 13

- Sewing Club, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-5 p.m. Mt. San Jacinto Room, Camp Maranatha.

- Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Author Talk with Mallory O'Meara, 6-7:45 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Wednesday, June 14

- Niños & Nature, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Nature Center.
- Preschool Story Time, "Explore Your Voice," 10:30-

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PCTA’s John Remmers on living the dream

By HOLLY PARSONS
CORRESPONDENT

An unprecedented nature experience sums up the allure of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). Each year between March and June, Idyllwild is the first major re-supply hub for migrating hikers from around the world. Beginning at the southern terminus (Mexican border), hikers journey north for 2,650 miles “beyond the pale,” into a world apart.

Partnership with nature’s elements of change and flow is essential to their dream of completion, whether it’s thru hiking or by section. Most hikers organically form trail families or “tramilyhs” for camaraderie, to share resources and offer safety. Yet, the commitment to skills training and practice hikes, plus trekking under the banner of “leave no trace” remains a daunting feat for most urban dwellers. This year 8000 permits were granted, not all start or finish – but the maximum permit allotment was reached, per Scott Wilkinson, PCT Association (PCTA).

To deepen this understanding, I interviewed PCTA Board Vice-chair and Treasurer John Remmers as he passed through Idyllwild on his section hike through So-Cal Zone B. Originating from Warner Springs, Remmers descended into Idyllwild on the Devils Slide Trail.

Before he arrived here, after a zero — a day off the trail not hiking — he continued to Acton with hopes of less snow. Remmers completed the PCT from Acton to Kennedy Meadows before flipping to Warner Springs, a common strategy for 2023 thru-hikers trying to follow water and avoid snow.

Remmers, a lifelong hiker, has been a PCT section hiker since 1997. He said, “The first thing to understand is the PCTA Mission and Inclusion statements:

“The mission of the Pacific Crest Trail Association is to protect, preserve and promote the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail as a world-class experience for hikers and equestrians, and for all the values provided by wild and scenic lands.”

I note the word “maintain” is missing. To this observation, Remmers replied, “The greatest misconception is that the PCTA runs the trail. In recent years there’s a backlog of blowdown.” Hikers in 2023 are decidedly challenged regarding trail maintenance. Hikers describe large numbers of dead and down trees creating arduous dangerous travel and the trail-markers can be difficult or impossible to find in snow without the benefit of compass and maps. The trail app Far-Out is a hiker’s main resource for social connections and maps on and offline, provided they have power.

On balance, the PCT’s 2,650 miles of trail through wild terrain is but a small part of the national trail system. Maintenance for national scenic trails is shared across multiple agencies such as Bureau of Land Management, National Parks, U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs, who together service a total of 88,600 trail miles. “The PCTA supports trail maintenance by providing regional coordinators, crew leaders and trail repair volunteers,” said Remmers.

Also, the PCTA’s stated Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is refreshingly transparent. In a nod to nature’s position in this regard, the PCTA draws a strong parallel. It states: “We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to enjoy time outdoors. When people have meaningful experiences outdoors, their quality of life, health, and social well-being improve.”

Remmers added, “I am consistently impressed by the generosity of trail angels on the PCT from border to

border who make it their business to support the legend. Community support is essential to sustain hiker success and Idyllwild is definitely an open-hearted outpost!”

To that end, the latest major development for U.S. hikers is TrailAngelCentral.org AKA TACO. Its charter is centralizing a national trail angel online resource to better connect hikers and angels for success. Created in 2022 by Scott Vanderlip and Alicia Lavigne aka Cookies and Sailor, the website is primarily resources for a more efficient way for hikers to find angels and angels to find hikers. Vanderlip and Lavigne discovered during their trail angel hosting activities and hiking parts of the PCT in summer of 2022 that the current methods by which hikers find angels and angels find hikers was very random and could benefit from more general organization or online lists of angels. I recently had the opportunity to spend time with their tramilyh in Idyllwild.

As an ultra-light hiker, Sailor’s grasp of trail and survival life is unparalleled; she sailed the open seas for 20 years and holds the distinction of Triple Crown for finishing all three major U.S. cross country treks. Cookies is an Information Technology (IT) professional and an active community organizer. Using his IT and website experience combined with his passion for community organizing, he could see how some simple online resources could easily help hikers and angels connect more efficiently.

In 2023, they created and outfitted a van that can be found parked at various key PCT hiker locations on the PCT trail this summer feeding hikers, gathering trail condition updates, and offering guidance, trail angel networking assistance and trail magic.

I asked Vanderlip why he set traditional life aside to support the vast community of cross-country hikers in this manner? He responded, “In my mind, it’s a fairly easy choice based on some simple human needs that trail angeling provides. For the trail angel, our giving provides human connection, conversation, and a sense of purpose and usefulness in our often-disconnected world. We are also assisting those with real life needs who show gratitude that feeds our hearts and souls.”

Regarding the trail I ask, “Is climate change affecting the PCT?” Remmers is quick to respond, “It’s one of our top issues. Trails are changing. When we project forward based on the recent past, weather trends become clear. We are acutely aware we need new tools, more tools, and more funding in the form of donations. Impacts facing all three major cross-country trails — Pacific Crest, Appalachian and Continental Divide — include trail maintenance largely degraded by fire, drought, snowpack, rain and flash flooding. The cumulative effect is especially evident this year on the PCT, where in some cases trails and bridges have washed out and water access has changed.”

“These factors also combine to evolve the changing nature of the PCT experience. It could be that section hiking over the course of several summers emerges as the obvious choice. The era of the thru hike for most, due to climate change, may be coming to an end except for the most experienced,” Remmers ponders.

“Water is also a concern,” said Remmers. “Angel Mary has offered a desert oasis water tank resource to hikers at mile marker 145.4 for over 10 years in Anza. The importance of her contribution to hikers can’t be overstated. Yet, last year her 550-gallon tank was stolen, value \$15,000. She replaced it with a 65-gallon tank but has decided to retire and sell her property.”



PCTA Board Vice-Chair **John Remmers**
PHOTO BY HOLLY PARSONS

“Putting the sad event behind her,” she states on her website. Remmers added, “Unless Mary’s shoes are filled, hikers next year will need to carry double the water.”

“What about preparation,” I ask? After speaking with dozens of hikers this year, some appear more star-struck than trained — and I’ve met and observed many more women on the trail than in past years. Remmers added, “Yes, we welcome new generations of hikers from all walks of life. Still, preparation is key.”

For the PCT we recommend courses in mountaineering and first aid at the very least,” advised Remmers. “For first-time hikers, read everything, and if a point shows up repeatedly, it’s probably true. Practice hiking in varying terrains and climates for a week, then two weeks with your equipment. Multiple kits targeting different terrains are basic requirements, one for desert, snow, mountaineering, and water needs are key to success and safety ...

“Other courses in heat exhaustion, hypothermia and handling head injuries are also a good idea, as is ice axe training. Include an InReach sat[elite] locator device in your pack, it’s an essential tool. Research all equipment requirements extensively. Due diligence in this regard will make a huge difference,” adds Remmers.

What has surprised you most? “This year, U.S. high altitude and European alpine hikers — German, Dutch, Belgian and Swiss — crossed the Sierras first. Mountaineering experiences across Europe are hut-to-hut. These hikers are not accustomed to pitching tents in all manner of wind and weather conditions. Yet, their high-altitude mountaineering and cross-country snow training places them top of class. The PCT requires them to rough it ... that’s the challenge,” Remmers continues.

“They will be followed by very experienced hikers. But hiker fall-out prior to reaching Canada needn’t be taken lightly. It’s the start that matters. Getting into wildlands and communing with nature provides a dimension unmatched by any other,” smiled Remmers.

I bade him farewell as he departed Idyllwild with his three-member tramilyh for the next chapter of their trek and recalled his sage advice, “Never hike alone.” (This article was written without the use of AI.)



Tramilyh, from left, **Alessia**, **Sailor**, **Buzzer**, **Cookies** and **U-Haul**.
PHOTO BY HOLLY PARSONS

MOUNTAIN FOLK

Pine Cove local runner **Mark Dean** (right) captured third place in his division of the Half Marathon in San Diego’s **Rock n Roll Marathon** on Sunday. Dean crossed the finish line with a time of 1:58:17.



Steele 2nd alternative to U.S. Open

By JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

In a grueling 36-hole qualifying day at Hillcrest Country Club in Los Angeles, Brendan Steele posted 33-35-32-34 – 134 to miss by one stroke outright qualifying for the U.S Open, which will be played next week at the Los Angeles Country Club. Instead, he is currently listed as the second alternative player, should two of the players who made the cut at Hillcrest withdraw from

playing in the open.

The 40-year-old Idyllwild native notched 10 birdies against only two bogeys to finish eight-under-par in seventh place in the field of 89 golfers, all vying for only five starting spots in one of golf’s four “major” tournaments.

Tuesday morning, Brendan told the Town Crier that he was just then learning about the merger of the PGA Tour and LIV Golf and was not yet sure how that might change his plans.

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ART'S CORNER

By ART CONNOR
MUSIC REVIEWER

Whatever the circumstances were involved in the delay of Idyllwild Master Chorale’s regular spring concert presentation to nearly two months after the Easter season were quickly mitigated by last Saturday night’s performance in Lowman Concert Hall and in the chorale’s subsequent follow-up on Sunday at St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church’s Labyrinth area.

Artistic Director Dwight Holmes’s introductory remarks offered apologies of a sort prior to Saturday’s concert, which in the long run proved unnecessary, and despite any inconveniences, chiefly the lack of an adequate rehearsal time schedule, the evening proceeded without any hitches. A somewhat small audience was once again favored with the wondrous sound production that many had already come to expect from these forces.

The overall programmed theme, “Spring Forth: The Exquisite, Vibrant and Profound,” was stated first of all in the settings of Robert Frost poems from the seven in the “Frostiana” set by Randall Thompson. Both “The Road Not Taken” and “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening” conveyed the poet’s sense of the natural world, in fulfillment of the “vibrant” function, with Ed Hansen’s piano accompaniment portraying the snowy scene in the latter piece; while “Choose Something Like a Star” (in Frost’s original wording) offered up the “profound” in its deepest, contemplative sense.

There followed two Robert Evans Holmes’ arrangements of familiar hymn tunes: “Amazing Grace”, with a cello obbligato provided by Julianna Buffum Holmes and “Now the Day Is Over,” each presented in turn by solo tenors Eric Bolton and Larry Brook in addition to the choral background.

A series of folk verses set by Jean Berger from the Beloit (WI) Poetry Journal ensued, giving a lighter mood to the concert. The somewhat forceful “Snake Baked a Hoecake,” depicting various forms of competition in the animal kingdom, went over the best, while both “The Prune Song” and “The Frisco Whale” gave out only sporadic flashes of humor.

Somewhat in contrast, the Aaron Copland settings of



With Ed Hansen on piano and Director Dwight “Buzz” Holmes conducting, Idyllwild Master Chorale performed a spring concert Saturday evening in the Lowman Concert Hall on the Idyllwild Arts campus. PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD

“Old American Songs” seemed to provide a concentration on the spiritual effects afforded by “At the River” and “Long Time Ago” (the latter being especially reverent), while the frivolous nature of both “I Bought Me a Cat” and “Ching-A-Ring Chaw” was exploited to the fullest.

In between those two song sets, Ernest Siva’s arrangement of a Native American tune, “Cahuilla Lullaby (Coyote’s Waiting)” quieted the mood, and was a superior presentation of the required pianissimo tones by the chiefly female chorus.

Three works of composer Morten Lauridsen concluded the night’s program. The excerpted chorus “O nata

lux” from the oratorio “Lux Aeterna,” punctiliously followed Holmes’s brief introduction; always a joy to hear in any setting, and (in the Sunday performance) in the clear perception of the open air, ever more impressive.

The composer’s setting of the “Prayer” by poet Dana Gioia proved equally inspirational, but the jewel of the evening was set into place by the interpretation of James Agee’s “Sure in This Shining Night,” taking the natural world’s metaphorical meaning even farther into contemplative study than was evinced in the Thompson/Frost works. A genial round of audience appreciation then followed, with wishes for no further delays than otherwise can be expected from these performers.

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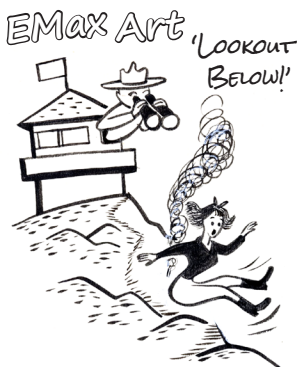
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From left, Idyllwild School students accepted Citizen of the Year awards last week from the Idyllwild Rotary Club's John Graham. From left, Griffin Kretsinger, Stella Smeaton, Andrea Lopez Citrowski and Diego Rivera Torres are shown. The students demonstrated exceptional character, leadership and commitment to their community. Rotarian John Graham handed each student a framed certificate with a crisp \$100 bill, a tangible symbol of recognition for their outstanding achievements.

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The Friends of the Idyllwild Library hosted "The Strange Death of Vincent Van Gogh," a multi-media presentation by Dr. Arthur Tobias Tuesday, May 23 at the Idyllwild Library. Pictured is Roberta Shanks (left), receiving a print from Dr. Tobias.

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Bishop Susan Snook (left) gave a sermon at St. Hugh's Episcopal Church Sunday for a special service in the outdoor amphitheater. Diana Kurr (right) assists her.

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The Friends of Idyllwild Library sponsored "How to Raise a Garden in Idyllwild," presented by Joseph (right, last name unknown) and Caleb Henry (center) of Idyllwild Gardens on Tuesday, May 16 at Idyllwild Library. Pictured is Dan Scann (left), receiving a lavender plant door prize from the speakers.

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WORD SEARCH

(Answers on previous classifieds page)
MAGIC MAZE ● BOBBY —

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: GARMENTS FOR THE FEET

Allison Goldsboro McFerrin Unser
Bowden Hull Orr Valentine
Darin Jindal Pin Vinton
Fischer Jones Riggs

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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CROSSWORD

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King Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Cave flier

4 Beanies

8 Experts

12 Punk rock off-shoot

13 Classic theaters

14 Global septet

15 Ages and ages

16 When bar drinks are dis-counted

18 First-rate, in slang

20 Perched

21 Apothecary measure

24 Of the Arctic

28 Annual celebration for a saint

32 Forbidden act

33 Freedom, for short

34 First half of an LP

36 Pol. party org.

37 Raw materials

39 Magazine founded in

41 Costume

43 Admin. aide

44 Composer Rorem

46 Grammarian's concern

50 Freshman

55 Pen name

56 Garfield's pal

57 North Sea feeder

58 "This tastes awful!"

59 Engrossed

60 Conked out

61 Uncle (Sp.)

17 Chatter

19 Rx writers

22 Tennis score

23 Tyler Perry persona

25 Mine find

26 Diarist Frank

27 Boulder

28 Promote aggressively

29 Hibernia

30 Help a hood

31 Evergreen trees

35 Promised

38 Twilight time

40 Scale armts.

42 Favorite

45 Turned blue?

47 Border on

48 Leslie Caron role

49 Repeat

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51 Lupino of film

52 Wardrobe malfunction

53 Peyton's brother

54 Actor Vigoda

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HOROSCOPES

June 2023 — Week 2



March 21 – April 19
You Ewes and Rams will find your ideas cheered by a mostly receptive flock. Those few dissenters could well be turned around by your charm and powers of persuasion.



April 20 – May 20
It's time for the bold and beautiful Bovine to shake off the dust of the past and shape up new ideas for the future. This could surprise some folks, but they'll soon adjust.



May 21 – June 21
Those nagging new doubts about an upcoming decision should alert you to step back (at least temporarily) so you can reassess its potential impact from a new perspective.



June 22 – July 22
That unpleasant situation you hoped would go away by itself needs immediate attention before it affects an upcoming decision. Expect your supporters to rally around your cause.



July 23 – August 22
You're moving up and away from that recent setback. But remain cautious about finances. An exercise in thrift today helps cushion a possible end-of-the-month money squeeze.



August 23 – September 22
You're still dealing with overtones of pessimism that cause you to doubt your ability to make some needed changes. But the negative pressures will ease up by week's end.



September 23 – October 22
There could be some fallout from the way you handled a recent family problem. But those who know that you were in the right won't hesitate to step in on your behalf.



October 23 – November 21
Financial strains ease by week's end. Meanwhile, focus on cultivating that new relationship if you hope to have it blossom into something more meaningful.



November 22 – December 21
Health matters once again dominate the week. Be careful not to ignore recurrences of an old problem. An almost-forgotten commitment resurfaces.



December 22 – January 19
The emergence of an unusual selfish streak could dismay those close to you. Defy it -- don't justify it -- so you can become your gracious self again.



January 20 – February 18
Reassess your decision to stay with the status quo. It might seem like the sensible thing to do right now, but changes around you could make that choice a risky one.



February 19 – March 20
Move decisively, but cautiously, when dealing with a delicate personal matter. The fewer mistakes you make now, the less likely it is that the problem will recur later on.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
CALENDAR

Continued from page B1
11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Shaolin Qi Gong & Chicks with Sticks, 11 a.m.-noon & 4-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
- Minecraft & Scratch Coding Class, 2-3 p.m. Mt. San Jacinto Room, Camp Maranatha.
- Lego Club, 3-4 p.m. Mt. San Jacinto Room, Camp Maranatha.
- Idyllwild Chess Club, 5-9 p.m. Alpaca Brunch Cafe.

Thursday, June 15

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Lego Play, 10 a.m.-noon Idyllwild Nature Center.

Friday, June 16

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Bridge Club, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Saturday, June 17

- Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Art Alliance of Idyllwild, Call of the Wyld & Eye of the Artist, noon. Town Hall.

Sunday, June 18

"Welcoming Home the Birds," kick off to Native American

Arts Festival (NAAF), Ernest Siva, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Studio D, Idyllwild Arts.
• Idyllwild Chess Club, 5-9 p.m. Alpaca Brunch Cafe.

Monday, June 19

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Anime Your Way with Carlos Nieto, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- "Still We Smile: Humor as Correction & Joy," NAAF Week Invitational Exhibition opening, lecture & reception, 6-8 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

Monday, June 12

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Summer Program Faculty & Guest Artists' Opening Reception, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, June 20

- Sewing Club, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-5 p.m. Mt. San Jacinto Room, Camp Maranatha.
- Michael Kabotie Lunch-time Lecture Series, "An All Around Comedy & Cat Guy: A Conversation with Joey Clift, noon-1 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.
- Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.



75 years ago - 1948

Due to error, Dick Elliott's name was omitted from the ballot in the school district election. But the diligence of his supporters resulted in 160 write-in votes for Elliott, and he won.

70 years ago - 1953

Steven Simpson baked a magnificent cake for school play day. It was red, white and blue.

65 years ago - 1958

Armaiz Stables purchased a buckboard and announced plans for a hillbilly taxi service.

60 years ago - 1963

A Lynwood glider pilot unexpectedly set his craft down on a green at Tahquitz Lake Golf Course. He wasn't high enough to get over the peaks to the desert.

55 years ago - 1968

The proposed new leash law created a furor in town. Public sentiment was running for dogs being able to run free.

50 years ago - 1973

With nearly everyone in town attending, Anza dedicated the newly refurbished Little Red Schoolhouse Library and Minor Park. James Minor donated the park land.

45 years ago - 1978

More than 50,000 people visited the mountain area over the Memorial Day weekend. No incidents, injuries or accidents were reported.

40 years ago - 1983

Dog owners were warned to check their dogs for heartworm after seven cases were

reported on the Hill. Abnormally heavy rains had provided a favorable environment for the breeding of mosquitoes that transmit the disease to dogs.

35 years ago - 1988

Demonstrations of chain-saw art were a popular attraction at the Fine Arts Festival sponsored by the Idyllwild Art Guild.

30 years ago - 1993

Several inches of snow fell on the Hill during a late spring storm. It didn't stick in Idyllwild, but Thousand Trails employee Everett Starnes had to get the plow out to clear the roads at the Pine Cove resort.

25 years ago - 1998

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved, free of charge, an eight-passenger van for Idyllwild transportation needs.

20 years ago - 2003

Out of 800 fire-hazard abatement inspections

in Idyllwild, 500 properties failed the first inspection.

10 years ago - 2013

The Idyllwild Community Center/San Jacinto Mountain Community Center was to celebrate the first birthday of its popular Idyllwild Playground on Saturday, June 8.

5 years ago - 2018

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District's commission had thrown down the gauntlet over Riverside County's failure or unwillingness to implement the policy of dispatching the closest-available unit to medical emergencies on the Hill.

1 year ago - 2022

Proposed regulations were requiring insurance companies to consider consumers' and businesses' wildfire safety actions when setting policy rates. Also, insurance companies would have to share the "wildfire risk score" assigned to the client's properties.



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CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," ARF cats celebrated kitten adoptions and the nearness of summer.

Harley: Our last two kittens, Hank and Bobby, have been adopted!

Phil: I heard the good news, but Pita, the little girl kitten who was going to be adopted, is still here. Things didn't work out for her potential guardian, so she is still looking.

Harley: And she is so very sweet!

Phil: If she is lucky, the perfect human will fall in love with her very soon.

Harley: Or, if the human isn't quite up to kitten antics, maybe one of us adult cats will fill the bill.

Katnis: Right! I don't believe ARF has ever had such a fabulous selection of very friendly adult cats.

Miss Kitty: Just wandering through our cattery is such a pleasant experience.

Phil: Visiting with us adult cats will put a smile on just about anyone's face.

Miss Kitty: When should we expect visitors? I hope it's soon. I really love seeing those who love us cats.

Harley: Well, the ARF House is open weekends [see below].

Phil: But what if a potential adopter cannot come in on the weekend?

Don: Appointments can be made to meet us at any time during the week.

Katnis: What about people interested in meeting dogs?

Pepper: ARF has dogs much of the time, but sometimes it doesn't. When ARF does have dogs, they are with foster families, so appointments must be scheduled, which can be any day of the week.

Katnis: That makes sense. I guess things need to be coordinated between ARF, the foster and interested parties.

Miss Kitty: Yep. But the appointments will be flexible in order to accommodate everyone's needs.

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 seeking new sponsors. For those interested please contact ARF at 951-659-1122 or info@idyllwildarf.org.



Pita



An Idyllwild fire truck led 25 Hill residents, ages 5 to 50, on the first leg of the annual Bike-A-Thon the Soroptimist International of Idyllwild sponsored in June 1983. Proceeds from the event, about \$1,500, were to go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

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Churches & Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

Calvary Chapel Mountain Center
29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center, Ca. 92561
Church Office 951-659-0097
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am
Nursery Care, Children's & Youth Ministries
Weekly Bible Studies & Home Groups

Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church
54525 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA
Father Charles E. Miller
Mass Schedule: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.; Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. + 10 a.m.; Confession: Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appt. 659-2708

St. Hugh's Episcopal Church
Sunday Services 11 AM • Sunday School
Phone (951) 659-4471 • www.sthughsidyllwild.org
25525 Tahquitz Dr.

Shiloh Christian Ministries
54295 Village Center Drive
Pastors Wayne & LaDonna Sleme
Sunday Service - 10 am
Healing Room - Saturdays 10 am - Noon
Tel: 951.659.2416 Tel for Prayer: 951.659.0031

Temple Har Shalom of Idyllwild
Rabbi Ilana Grinblat - In Person
Shabbat Service Fri June 23, 6pm + Dinner
Shabbat Study Sat June 24, 9:30am + Brunch
St Hugh's 25525 Tahquitz Dr - Every Fri 6pm Zoom Candlelighting
Templeharshalomidyllwild.org (951) 468-0004

Idyllwild Bible Church
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54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935
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Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m. • Rev. Dr. Robert Mitchell
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O’Meara

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there’s a gym; I really love going to Pharos. A lot of the things that make me feel at home in a town are opening up here. It’s beautiful; I had to go spend a week in LA recently, for a new book ... I forgot how noisy it is! We really love it and want to stay.

TC: You mentioned the “Night on Bald Mountain” sequence in “Fantasia” as your childhood introduction to loving horror, but where did your love of books start?

MO: I had the same attraction and immediate draw to books as I did to monsters. My favorite picture of me as a kid, I think I’m probably 2 in the photo, and I’m holding an adult paperback novel, and it’s upside down, but I’m trying to read it. I’ve always been drawn to books; as objects as a kid, and as I started to grow up, stories. I don’t remember a time when I was without books or reading. I always wanted someone to tell me a story, and then as soon as I learned how to read, all I ever did was read. I was one of those kids that got in trouble for reading; at the kitchen table at dinner, reading in class under my desk. It’s such a part of my DNA I don’t know how I would separate “me” from books and reading.

TC: Your own path has had twists and turns; we read you were a monster fan studying to be a veterinarian, then a producer of monster films, biographer of Millicent Patrick and now a full-time historian.

MO: It’s been a weird journey.

TC: Was being a film producer a good preparation for being a researcher? In production you have to do a lot of hunting for things?

MO: And screaming. It was a great preparation for being a writer. And being a writer and being an author are two different jobs. There’s a lot of organization and people skills involved. Doing research you’re calling a lot of people, and you’re putting a project together. For me, writing is very technical: I’m taking a bunch of information and braiding it together in a way that makes sense to me. That’s what a film shoot is: tons of different people with different skills, and you’re putting them all together to make one big thing.

TC: That seems to be your calling, as a historian?

MO: Yeah, it’s what I love. I’m working on my next adult history book right now, I’m not allowed to talk about it. I really think that I’ve always been meant to be a writer, and I’ve tried to go in a different direction and life steered me back the other way. I love it so much, I love the act of writing, I love the act of research, I love being an author and being a reader. I’m thrilled that I am able to do it full-time.

TC: With research you tug on a thread and find a whole tapestry...

MO: Yeah, that is magic to me.

TC: *Girly Drinks* leads the reader into women’s history, which is world history.

MO: Yes, *Girly Drinks* was a really interesting project because it was so far outside of what I had done before. I’d been working in horror and film for so long. I would say that *Girly Drinks* is my “first book for normal people.” It was nerve-racking for me entering that space and writing for people who didn’t know me ... when I was writing “Lady from the Black Lagoon” I felt like I was talking to my peers; horror fans and monster fans. *Girly Drinks* was for a much different audience. Luckily the response has been incredible. We won the James Beard Award for it, which was unbelievable. It still has not sunk in to this day. That book cemented it for me, “I can do this, I can be a history writer.” I’m so grateful.

TC: “Geek” is a word that has changed meanings. It was an insult, then a new generation owned it as meaning there was some special area, and that you had gone from being a fan to knowing as much as possible about it.

MO: Being a geek has definitely been reclaimed. It’s a word that people very proudly use about themselves.

TC: “Monster” is also double-edged sword. It stops you in your tracks, but we can say “you are a monster of diligence.”

MO: It’s always been an interesting word, a loaded word. I think people who love monsters are people who are on the fringe. They are attracted to monsters and monster movies and comics for a reason: they feel a little bit different. Especially nowadays with the massive rise of social media, being different has become a thing that people are really proud of. People don’t want to be “normal” anymore; they are happy to be weird, to be geeks, to be monster nerds, it’s a beautiful thing.

TC: “Badass” is another key word. It rolls together competence, courage, talent and style.

MO: That’s the kind of women I write about. Millicent Patrick to me is the most badass person. I still have a huge photo of her in my office. She really means a lot to me; she was so tough. She taught me that you don’t have to dress a certain way to be badass. She could be badass in pearls and heels, and that was a huge revolution for my life.

TC: You had some thought-provoking words about the importance of women in horror films, how they embody vulnerability, how these films are “an exaggeration of their everyday lives.”

MO: It’s funny that people say women don’t belong in horror, but I’m like, “What do guys have to be afraid about?” When women are watching horror films, most have experienced those feelings, if not some of those situations. Who better to tell those stories?

TC: Your research seems to begin casually and grow into an obsession. What was the time scale for that?

MO: For “Lady from the Black Lagoon” it took three years. It was a long time. There was a lot of traveling. *Girly Drinks* would have taken longer but I was in lock-down. I started writing it in February of 2020. I had a lot of traveling that I wanted to do for it, but I had to stay in my one-bedroom apartment. There was a time period where I was pretty nervous; the library was closed, there was no way for me to do my research. Luckily, in about June of 2020, the LA Public Library opened for pickup. Those librarians really hated seeing me coming. It was always this massive, heavy box of books. I was really, really lucky that a few friends of mine, who will remain nameless, gave me their logins for various online archives, and between the two things I was able to write the book.



Mallory O’Meara

PHOTO BY RAE MYSTIC

TC: We see you, in *Lady*, learning the ropes as a researcher. In the beginning you think of hiring a private investigator, and by the end you’ve found that librarians and archivists are like your PIs.

MO: They are also a lot cheaper. It wouldn’t have been the same; a huge part of what made the heart of that book was my search for her. Even though it took so long and was a grueling journey at times, I’m grateful that I did it. What better way to show that something had been purposefully hidden than to show how difficult it was to unearth? One jerk hid this woman’s legacy for 60 years. That one jerk made three years of work for me. I really wanted to bring people along on that journey.

TC: Uncovering the misogyny and sexism that beset Millicent was made difficult by misogyny and sexism; people said she wasn’t important, you won’t find anything, don’t bother ...

MO: Oh yeah. People still dismiss her. It’s the air we breathe, it’s the water we all swim in. Honestly, all the push back made me realize that there was something there. If she hadn’t done anything she wouldn’t have made people so mad. It wasn’t tangible proof but it was proof in my heart.

TC: With a subject who is scantily documented you end up having to write a “life and times.”

MO: For sure. She deserves to have her entire story told. Her story was so bonkers, so over-the-top. Her childhood at Hearst Castle (her father was the engineer), working at Disney, being a model, working at Universal, I had to put it all in there because it was so fascinating. I always call her the Forrest Gump of the 1950s. She was moving from industry to industry and meeting all these interesting people and doing all these interesting things.

TC: She crafted a public identity. She knew her strong points and her audience when she dealt with male reporters. In show business you’re allowed to be creative, to embellish, to show some skin or present yourself as royalty. It’s not like running for Congress.

MO: No, no! Honestly, it’s sad that she passed away before social media, because she would have been great at it. She honed her ability to craft an identity, craft a mask for herself and embody that. It’s funny that we give women so much crap for this, but John Wayne did the same thing. She was one of the best. It’s hard to top an Italian baroness.

TC: We see you struggle with the facts behind the legend. There’s a moment where you think, “Maybe I shouldn’t.”

MO: I really and truly believe that women are worth writing about even when they screw up, and I realized that if I didn’t include that stuff I would be judging her, just like I was afraid everybody else was. When you are a woman who’s famous, who’s a creator, there’s this idea that you have to be perfect. Pre-#MeToo, pre-2000s, you couldn’t show any weakness, you couldn’t show any pain. I think that’s wrong. I think we need to give people more grace. I ended up being very happy that I wrote about the hard parts of her life.

TC: Patrick was so resilient, there was so much heartbreak, and so much picking up the pieces.

MO: Yeah. She had a rough go of it. One of my wishes is that I could have somehow done this book

20 years earlier so she would have not just been able to see her story told, but see how much of an impact that she’s had on the world. She died thinking that no one cared about her. If she could see a mile-long line of fans wrapping around Monsterpalooza in Burbank wearing “Creature from the Black Lagoon” shirts and Metaluna Mutant hats, (Patrick created these aliens for “This Island Earth”) I think that would have changed the way she saw herself.

TC: I appreciated your skill at reading your audience, at knowing how much to explain about people and things that are unfamiliar, and doing it so that an insider will think, “Oh, I hadn’t thought about it like that,” and an outsider will say, “Oh, that makes sense.”

MO: It was very intentional that I explain, with all my books ... When we did *Girly Drinks*, my editor used to be a cocktail writer, huge into cocktails. We did the first pass and there were certain things, like certain cocktail tools and terms that he was like, “I don’t think we need to explain that.” We had his assistant Grace Towery read it. She is not a cocktail person at all and she flagged a bunch of things, “I have no idea what this is, what this means, what this does ...”

TC: And you’ve written for kids, that’s another audience.

MO: Yes, my first kids’ book, came out last week, which is really wild. I think it is the first-ever book about filmmaking aimed at young girls. After *Lady* came out, a lot of people were like, “Man, I wish I could give this to my kid.” That got me thinking, and there was a project I had been working on, originally supposed to be for adults, but I thought, “I think this book will be better if it’s for girls.” That’s how “Girls Make Movies” came about. I co-created it with my friend and illustrator Jen Vaughn. It’s been a blast. There’s been this massive push to get more women doing everything in the world but especially in film; more female directors, screenwriters, but if we want that we have to build today, we have to build it with kids. I would have gotten into film five to 10 years sooner if I had known all the things that I talk about in “Girls Make Movies.” I didn’t know how movies were made even though I loved them so much. All of the books at the library about filmmaking were very intimidating, not welcoming to children, especially not welcoming to girls.

The book is my gift to myself when I was 11 years old. If I can’t go back in time to give myself that book, I will give it to 11-year-old girls now.

TC: What about the upcoming talk?

MO: They left it pretty open. The only thing they wanted me to talk about was “finding your voice as a writer,” which I’m very excited to talk about because, especially among historians, I have a pretty unique voice. I make jokes and I swear. It was definitely a process to find that in myself. With nonfiction writing it feels like there’s a lot of rules, especially with historical writing. It feels like there’s a certain way that you should do things, and now I know that there isn’t. So, I’m going to be talking about finding your voice as a writer and figuring out how to use that voice. I know that Idyllwild is filled with writers and creative people.